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GERMANY REJECTS ALL PROPOSALS: WILL MAKE NEW OFFER

"INDECENT" DEMANDS HITLER SPEECH BROADCAST

TERMS REJECTED
BY WHOLE NATION
LEAGUE IMPATIENCE

Berlin, To-day.
Herr Hitler's election speech at the Deutschland Hall was broadcast and there were thousands of people lining the route of his drive to the hall.

He declared that it was impossible for the German people to pocket their humiliation, and agree to indecent demands. The world must know that it is not a single man but a whole nation which has rejected them.

He declared that his offer of 25 years' peace stood high above any gesture. He said he would be curious to see whether, after the election, the foreign statesmen would have the courage to continue to talk of a symbolic gesture from Germany. — Reuter.

GROWING IMPATIENCE
London: In face of the growing impatience in League quarters at the delay in the Locarno Powers' reaching agreement with Germany, the adjournment of the Council to its normal meeting in May is the most likely outcome of yesterday afternoon's Council meeting.

France has officially informed Britain that she refuses to retreat from the Locarno Powers' proposals and discuss Germany's counter-proposals. This development clearly indicates the conflict of opinion which has arisen between the French and the British standpoints and is making agreement more remote than ever. (Continued on Page 9)

ROME PROTOCOL SIGNED

New Order in Danube Basin

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL
Rome, To-day.
The texts of the three supplements to the Rome Protocol of March 17, 1934, which were signed here by Signor Mussolini, Dr. Schuschnigg and Dr. Goemboes on Monday, were published yesterday afternoon.

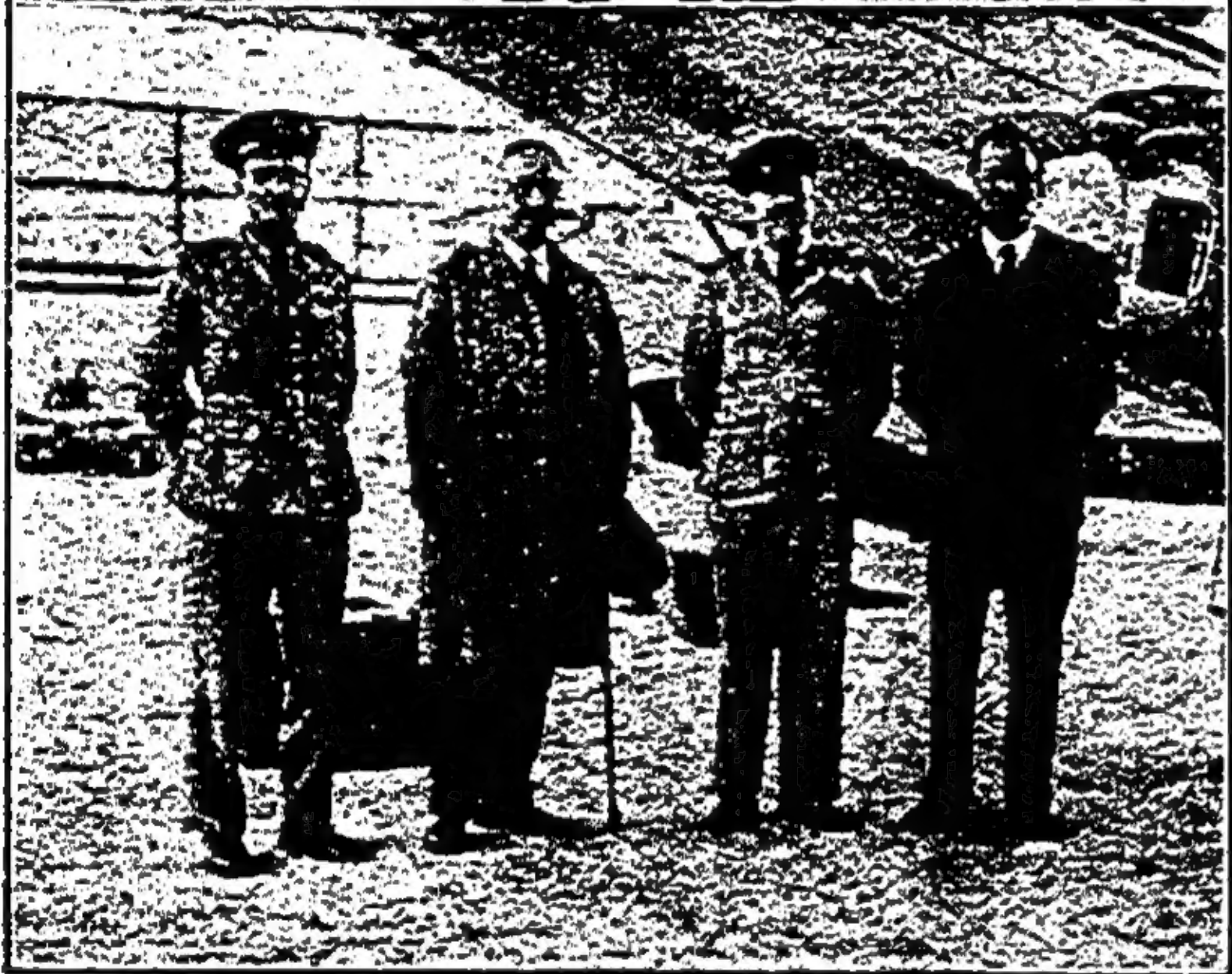
In the first supplement the representatives of the three countries concerned, after affirming with satisfaction that their constant co-operation has ensured the maintenance of peace and led to the economic reconstruction of Europe, solemnly declare their determination to adhere to the political, economical and cultural principles established in the Rome Protocol of 1934.

In supplement No. 2 the three Governments, in accordance with the principles laid down in supplement No. 1, declare their determination not to conduct any important political negotiations connected with the Danube Basin without first consulting the two other signatories.

Supplement No. 3 states that a permanent advisory organ is envisaged and shall consist of the Foreign Ministers of the three signatories. The organ is to meet at times considered opportune by the three Governments. — Trans-Ocean Service.

FAMOUS ZOOLOGIST PASSES

Munich, To-day. — The death has occurred of Professor Ludwig Doederlein, the famous zoologist. — Reuter.



The Imperial Airways' plane "Dorado" arrived at Kai Tak Aerodrome yesterday, carrying the first official airmail between London and Hong Kong via Penang. (Top) A large crowd, including H. E. the Governor, greeted the two pilots and their passengers. (Below) A group taken soon after the arrival showing (L. to R.) Mr. A. C. Thomas, 2nd Pilot, H. E. the Governor, Sir Andrew Caldecott, Captain A. F. Lock, Chief Pilot, and the Hon. Comdr. G. F. Hole, R.N. (Retd.), Director of Air Services. (Right) H. E. the Governor, on the right, congratulating Captain F. Lock. ("China Mail" photos).

"QUEEN MARY" SAILS BOTTOM TOUCHED TWICE ON TRIP DOWN CLYDE

London, To-day.
The liner Queen Mary twice touched the river bed within the first quarter of a mile of her journey down the Clyde. The first time was shortly after leaving the basin, when the wind caused her to swing round and bestraddle the river obliquely, her bow and stern touching the banks on the respective sides. Tugs manoeuvred her into deep water after 20 minutes.

AIR ATTACKS RENEWED

Heavy Bombing Of
Jijiga

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL
Addis Ababa, To-day.
A renewed air attack on Jijiga, lasting two hours, was carried out yesterday morning by 20 Italian planes, which dropped a great number of explosive bombs.

Rome: The only incident reported in war bulletin No. 163 is the loss of one plane which crashed when taking off, the crew of four being killed. The position remains unchanged on both fronts. — Trans-Ocean Service.

COMMANDER A. B. COCHRANE

Governor-Designate
Knighted

London, To-day.
His Majesty the King yesterday received in audience Commander A. B. Cochrane, the Governor-Designate of Burma, and knighted him with a Knight Commander in the Order of the Star of India. — Reuter's Bulletin Service.

Five minutes later the wind and tide, despite two powerful tugs, swung her into the river bed on the starboard side, but, assisted by tugs and with her engines running at full speed astern, she was refloated. The damage, if any, was negligible. — Reuter.

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ASSASSINATION IN IRELAND

Admiral Shot Dead By
Unknown Men

London, To-day.

Vice-Admiral Henry Boyle Somerville has been shot dead in his home at Castle Townshend, County Cork, by unknown men, who arrived in a motor-car and subsequently disappeared.

The house is situated in a secluded part of the district, and the Admiral's wife was the only other occupant at the time of the shooting. The assailants were able to get clear away before the raising of the alarm.

Intense police activity over a wide area followed, but no arrests have so far been made. No motive can be ascribed for the crime. — Reuter.

NO AGREEMENT YET REACHED

FRANCE CONTINUES OB DURATE

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

London, To-day.
The League of Nations Council assembled yesterday at 5 p.m. for its scheduled meeting, which was also attended by the Departmental Director of the German Foreign Office, Dr. Dieckhoff.

The sitting, which took place behind closed doors, was only of short duration, it being decided to adjourn until all the interested Powers had defined their attitudes towards the proposals of the Locarno Powers.

This decision is attributable not only to the fact that the German reply had not yet been received, but also to the fact that serious complications had arisen in the situation.

This is as yet no sign of an agreement having been reached between the British and the French Governments on the question whether the Locarno Powers' proposals are to be regarded as a sort of ultimatum, as the French would have it, or whether, as Mr. Eden stated, they are simply to be considered as proposals open to discussion.

A semi-official statement issued in Paris late on Monday night seems to indicate that the French Government will stubbornly resist any attempt to modify the terms of the proposed settlement. British public opinion on the other hand appears almost unanimous in supporting the German opposition to the suggested establishment of a new one-sided demilitarised zone in the Rhineland, so that it is difficult to see a way out of this impasse.

The Franco-British tension has been accentuated by reports from Paris that M. Flandin will not return to London for the present and that his eventual return at some later time will largely depend on the nature of the German reply. (Continued on Page 12)



ISTHMUS OF KRA RUMOUR AGAIN EXAMINED

London, To-day.
The Governor of Cochinchina discussed with Reuter's correspondent the rumour that the Japanese plan to construct a channel through the Isthmus of Kra, between Burmah and the Malay Peninsula.

HUNG TUNG OCCUPIED BY REDS

Fate Of Foreigners A Mystery

Peiping, To-day.
Messages from Taiyuanfu from Chinese sources confirm the occupation of Hungtung by the Reds, and also Pingguang. The fate of four Britishers and two Americans in these two places is a mystery. — Reuter.

STATE OF WAR IN BRAZIL

Renewed Communist
Activities

Rio de Janeiro, To-day.

A state of war has been decreed throughout the country for 90 days owing to a recrudescence of subversive activities. Five members of Parliament have been arrested, following the confiscation of documents discovered at the headquarters of the Communists. — Reuter.



Mr. Ong Ee-lin, the wealthy Malayan Chinese sportsman, above, who is the first official passenger to be carried by the Imperial Airways from Penang to Hong Kong. He arrived by the "Dorado" yesterday morning at Kai Tak aerodrome. ("China Mail" photo).

STORM TOLL IN U.S.

177 REPORTED
DEAD

Ohio River Gives Less
Cause For Anxiety

INDUSTRIAL CENTRES
RE-OPENED

New York, To-day.

While tornadoes and storms in the Mississippi valley and the southern and eastern States have raised the week's death toll from the elements to 177, the Ohio River has quietened down somewhat, although it has continued to inundate the lowlands downstream from Cincinnati without reaching the business centres and towns.

Some of the largest industries in Hartford, Connecticut, have reopened. Hundreds of workers were inoculated before being allowed to enter the flood-swept buildings, while throughout New England inoculations have been performed by the thousands. — Reuter.

LOCARNO PACT SITUATION

French And German
Views Expressed

Paris, To-day.

The French view of the Locarno situation is summed up by political quarters, who declare that the London agreement of March 19 remains in force among Britain, France and Belgium, to the exclusion of Germany, and thus the contacts between the General Staffs can be begun, since the nations which have not denounced the Locarno pact are still bound by its obligations and guarantees.

A Berlin message states that the papers there interpret the decision of the League Council to adjourn sine die as the end of the Locarno White Paper, which is described as an unnatural, hastily drafted and complicated production. The hope is expressed that the opportunity will be taken to ease the situation by forgetting the painful and unsuccessful documents as early as possible. — Reuter.

EXPECTED MARCH 31 HONOUR MUST BE UPHOLD

Equal Rights Main
Essential

FUTILITY OF ONE-SIDED
TREATIES STRESSED

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Berlin, To-day.

The provisional German reply to the proposals contained in the Four-Power Memorandum was handed to the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, last evening by the Ambassador-at-Large, Herr von Ribbentrop.

The note, which is divided into four parts, rejects all the proposals, so far as they are incompatible with the German honour, but adds that the German Government reserves to itself the right to make detailed counter-proposals in the near future.

The document begins by once more calling attention to the principles which determine the German attitude. In the first part it is pointed out that the German Government came to the conclusion that the Franco-Soviet military pact was juridically and politically irreconcilable with the Locarno Pact, and had therefore decided at last to re-establish its full sovereignty over the entire Reich. It had, however, not ordered troops to march into the Rhineland just for the sake of re-occupying the Rhine zone, but had seen itself compelled to take this step in order to create the preliminary conditions under which it could join a new agreement for a clear and reasonable organisation of (Continued on Page 9)

INDEFINITE REPLY

NEGOTIATIONS
DELAYED

ONLY INTERIM STATEMENT
FROM RIBBENTROP

London, To-day.

A written personal message from Herr Hitler to the British Government, conveyed to Mr. Anthony Eden by Herr von Ribbentrop in a visit to the Foreign Office last evening, declares that Germany refuses to withdraw her troops from the Rhineland or to negotiate with the other nations on conditions of inequality, but Germany stands by her peace proposals, for which the restoration of her sovereignty was the proper basis.

It declares that Mr. Eden's draft proposals are based on a new discrimination which Germany cannot accept. Following the restoration of the complete independence and sovereignty of the Reich the German Government has the earnest desire to make a great contribution to European peace, and to bring about an improvement in the social conditions of the European peoples.

Germany declines to give a reply to Britain immediately owing to the elections, but after the elections she will define in detail her attitude and will make positive proposals to the British Government. These will not be available before March 31. — Reuter.

MR. HUSSEY-FRERE PASSES

London, To-day. — The death has occurred of Mr. Hussey Frere, former chief of the Salt Gabelle. — Reuter.

MAIL SCHEDULES

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At Kowloon Central Post Office the mails will be closed 1/2 hour before the above times.

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INWARD MAILS.

FROM EUROPE

Hakusan Maru (via Negapatana) Mar. 27
Carthage (via Suez) Apr. 1

FROM U.S.A.

Pres. Harrison Mar. 27
Emp. of Canada Mar. 27
Pres. Lincoln Mar. 30

FROM SHANGHAI

Gen. Sherman Mar. 27
Scharnhorst Mar. 27
Somali Mar. 27
Pres. Harrison Mar. 27
Emp. of Canada Mar. 27
Eumaeus Mar. 28
Chichibu Maru Mar. 28
Victoria Mar. 28
Pres. Lincoln Mar. 30
Diomed Apr. 1

FROM JAPAN

Toyama Maru Mar. 27
Montevideo Maru Mar. 27
Gen. Sherman Mar. 27
Fushimi Maru Mar. 27
Atsuta Maru Mar. 27
Pres. Harrison Mar. 27
Emp. of Canada Mar. 27
Chichibu Maru Mar. 28
Nagato Maru Mar. 28
Pres. Lincoln Mar. 30
Nankin Mar. 31
Hawaii Maru Apr. 3

FROM MANILA

Tjisaroes Mar. 29
Nellore Apr. 4

FROM STRAITS & INDIA

Hakusan Maru Mar. 27
Ginjo Maru Mar. 27
Shirala Mar. 31
Aeneas Mar. 31

OUTWARD MAILS

FOR EUROPE

Andre Lebon (via Siberia) Mar. 25
R.M.A. Dorado (Imperial Airways direct service) Mar. 26
Ajaz (via Marseilles) Mar. 25
Scharnhorst (via Marseilles) Mar. 26
Fushimi Maru (via Marseilles) Mar. 27
Somali (via Marseilles) Mar. 27

FOR STRAITS AND INDIA

Scharnhorst Mar. 26
Fushimi Maru Mar. 27
Somali Mar. 27
Taima Mar. 27

Women's Page

When Buying Powder
TWO POINTS TO REMEMBER

There are two important rules to follow when you buy face powder. First, you must insist on a shade which matches exactly your skin tones. Secondly, you ought to pick a type that suits and will stay on your kind of skin.

Some powders are fine and light, and often just right for the slightly oily complexion. Others are heavier and better for dry and normal skins. The best way to tell whether or not a certain kind is best for your face is to have the salesgirl give you a small sample. Use the sample for a day or two, then, if satisfied, buy a full box.

Don't let anyone tell you that you ought to buy face powder several shades lighter than the natural shade of your skin. It simply must match. Incidentally, few complexions are clear pink—none dead white—so beware of these two colours. If you are going on for a winter vacation, take, in addition to your regular powder, a box of dark suntan. As your skin gets darker, mix a small portion from each of the two boxes, thus getting a harmonising shade.

Remember, of course, that the kind of foundation you use has a good deal to do with the length of time powder will stay on. There are certain kinds of oily complexions which do not need foundation lotion or cream, but the majority do. Apply it before cream rouge, then powder.

THE EYES MUST BE CLEAR
One Essential To Beauty

It is interesting to note, in turning back the pages of our social history 25 years, that the same type of feature beauty admired by the Edwardian women of that epoch is being cultivated by the hostess of 1936.

The beautiful hostess of the neo-Edwardian era has either fine eyes, lips or face contour. Like her mother in the days of Edward VII, her ensembles of dress and hat are subtly planned round her special beauty of feature, to enhance them.

There is a difference, however, a very important difference, for women who have not at first sight a specially beautiful feature; in 1936 the experts of the Mayfair beauty salons are busy explaining to women how to cultivate beautiful features and to enhance good ones. In pre-war days two shades of rice-powder, one raw tint of rouge and a little eye-black were the only aids to beauty that women could muster.

Fine eyes are the privilege of many Englishwomen, and the coiffeurs, who now arrange flat curls as a complete frame to the face, or brush away the hair from the temples and off the ears, realize that eyes, to be appreciated, need a background. Mary Stuart, Medic, Renaissance, halo hats all aim at revealing rather than concealing the eyes.

Eyes to be beautiful need to be clear, large, with the lids unlined, set deeply in the head, with long curling lashes. Women whose eyes are not as deep set as they would wish can achieve the desired effect by applying a light shadow just under the lower eyelid and a tiny spot of rouge in the corner of the eyes furthest away from the nose.

COMBINED PIECES OF FURNITURE
For The Flat Dweller

It is probably through the influence of an increasing number of flat-dwellers that so much modern furniture is designed to serve more than one purpose. Tables, chairs, sofas, bookcases, and cupboards are combined in various arrangements which seem so simple and practical that one wonders why they have never been thought of before. Their appeal to the flat-dweller is obvious, especially to the young couple who are starting married life in a two-roomed flat and who have a number of household possessions and books which must be stowed away somehow. When faced with the problem of such restricted space these combined pieces of furniture are a boon. But even more gratifying is the fact that their usefulness is found to be in no way diminished after a few years when the couple move to a house and the question of economising in space is no longer urgent.

PREVENTING DRIPS

Tablecloths and tables often get marked with the drips from bottles of sauces or relishes running down the sides. An easy way to prevent this is to slip a small rubber band over the neck of each bottle. This will effectually prevent any drips.

The Spring And Children's Ailments.

In springtime, with its frequent weather changes, children are especially liable to little health troubles such as colds, feverishness, stomach and bowel complaints. Parents, at this time, should carefully watch their children, and be prepared to set matters right quickly at the first signs of trouble by keeping Baby's Own Tablets handy in the home.

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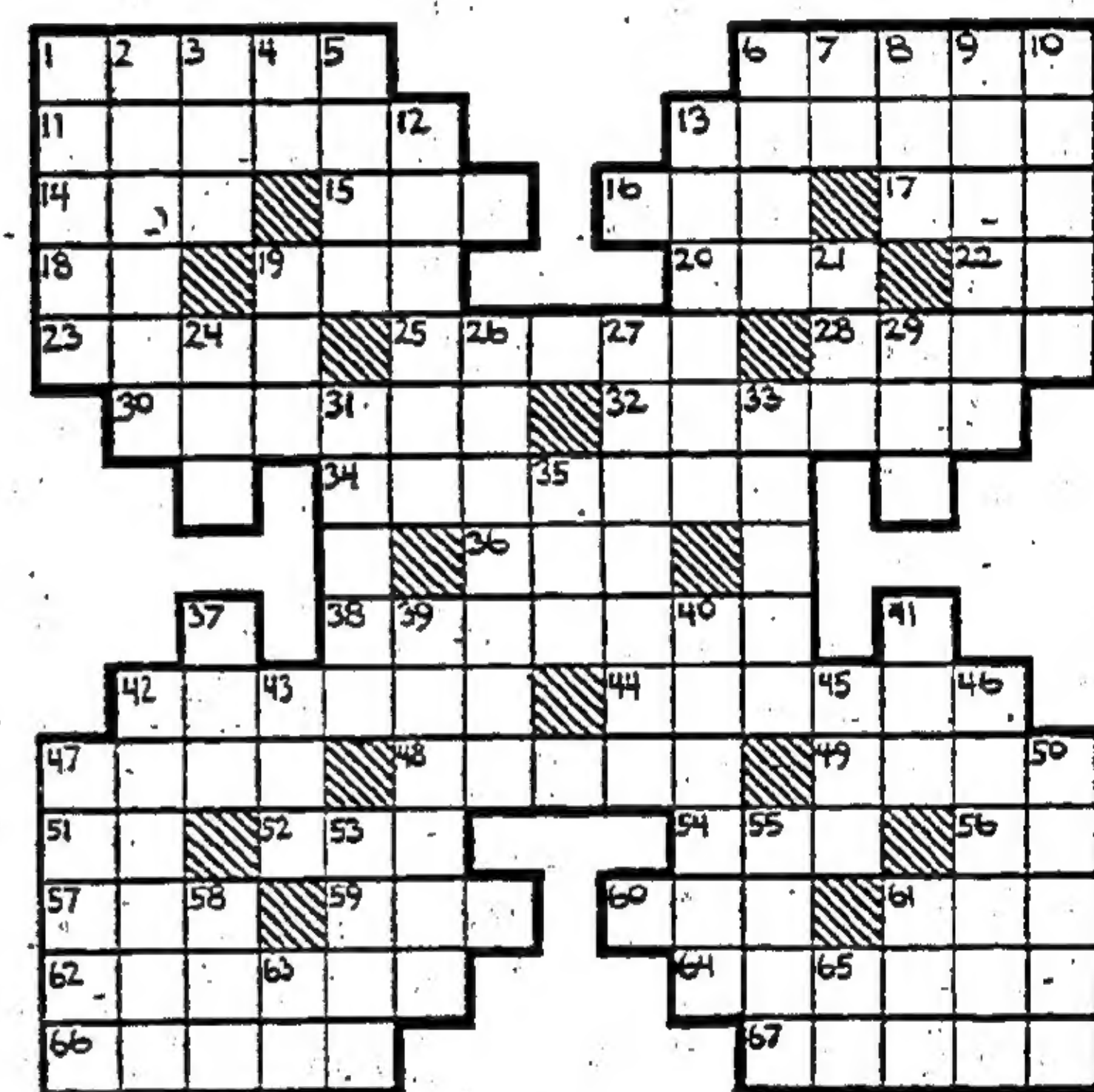
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spelling, such as harbor, plow, and altho.



- HORIZONTAL**
- Edge
 - A thoroughfare (pl.)
 - Reply
 - Burr
 - Farm animal
 - A constellation
 - Merely
 - A Chinese plant
 - Six
 - Curious scraps of literature
 - Dress material
 - A title (abbr.)
 - Paradise
 - Substance in paint
 - Imitates
 - Entrance
 - Wanted
 - Affirm
 - In a greater quantity
 - Take as likely
 - Tormentor
 - Camper
 - Prison room
 - Item in one's property
 - A metal
- HORIZONTAL (Cont.)**
- Plural suffix
 - Etruscan god
 - Definite article
 - Tellurium (abbr.)
 - Consumed
 - Obtain
 - A beverage
 - Greek letter
 - Appeared
 - Rubber
 - Made a mistake
 - Unfastens
- VERTICAL**
- Valiant
 - Abide
 - Pronoun
 - A negative
 - A Persian coin
 - Grade
 - Conjunction
 - Agent (abbr.)
 - Judge
 - Chief actors
 - Exchanges
 - A small tower
 - An insect
- VERTICAL (Cont.)**
- Tablet
 - The Anish
 - Those who rest
 - On the way
 - A vegetable
 - Grates
 - Prussian city
 - Greek goddess of the dawn
 - Supreme-god of the Babylonians
 - Erected
 - Courage
 - Pronoun
 - Examiner
 - The whole
 - Bind
 - Decayed
 - Stop
 - Approaches
 - Old
 - Man distinguished for valor
 - Ever (contr.)
 - A point of compass (abbr.)
 - Myself
 - A month (abbr.)

The solution of the above with a new cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue.

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THE SECOND EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 28th March, 1936, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary

Hong Kong, 23rd March, 1936.

GENERAL NOTICES

NOTICE

CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN & MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-NINTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders in the Company will be held in the Jacobean Room, 1st floor, Hong Kong Hotel, Pedder Street, Hong Kong on FRIDAY, 27th March 1936 at 12.30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors for the year ended December 31st 1935; Electing Directors and Auditors, and for the transaction of any other Ordinary business of the Company.

NOTICE is also hereby given that the Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY 17th March 1936 until FRIDAY 27th March 1936, both days inclusive, during which period no transfers of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board,
D. L. KING,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 14th March, 1936.



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Company Meetings

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SIXTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on FRIDAY, the 27th March, 1936, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December 1935.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 13th to the 27th March 1936, both days inclusive.

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Hong Kong, 6th March, 1936.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Office of the Company, 2 Queen's Building, Hong Kong, on MONDAY, 30th March, 1936, at Noon, for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1935.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 21st to 30th March, 1936, both days inclusive.

By Order of The Board of Directors,
E. COCK,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 12th March, 1936.

CHINA ENTERTAINMENT & LAND INVESTMENT CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Registered Offices of the Company, King's Theatre Building, 5th floor, on MONDAY, the 30th day of March, 1936, at 12 o'clock, Noon, to receive the Directors' Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1935, to elect Directors and Auditors and to transact such other business as may be properly transacted at an Ordinary General Meeting of the Company.

And Notice is Further Hereby Given that the Register and Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED, from the 23rd to the 30th Day of March, 1936, both days inclusive.

LIANG CHI HAO,
Managing Director.
Hong Kong, 19th March, 1936.

UNION WATERBOAT COMPANY LIMITED

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank Building, on WEDNESDAY, 8th April 1936 at noon for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December 1935.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 28th March to 8th April 1936, both days inclusive.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.,
General Managers.
Hong Kong, 18th March, 1936.

BRIDGE NOTES

Gamblers Never Gamble
By Ely Culbertson

Many people are surprised to learn that a good gambler "is a man who never gambles." He never takes chances. Likewise, a good Bridge player takes no chances when there is any possible way of avoiding them.

The expert who picked up the powerhouse in the following deal knew that the odds were 100 to 1 in favour of the Grand Slam, but he forgot to allow for that possibility and it cost him heavily.

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Both sides vulnerable

S. 9	N. S. J. 8 6 2
H. A 10 7 6 4	W. E. H. 5
D. Q. J. 5 3	S. D. 10 9 7 3
C. K. Q. J	C. 7 6 5 4

S. 10 7 5 4 3	N. S. J. 8 6 2	W. E. H. 5	S. D. 10 9 7 3
H. A 10 7 6 4	D. Q. J. 5 3	C. K. Q. J	C. 7 6 5 4

The bidding:
North East South West
1 H Pass 3 C Pass
3 D Pass 3 H Pass
4 H Pass 7 H Dbl
Pass Pass Pass

Imagine yourself with the South hand and you will realise how it would feel to hear your partner make an opening bid of one heart. Furthermore, North was vulnerable and South knew there was scarcely a possibility of his having made a psychic bid. It seemed inconceivable North could not hold the two missing Aces and enough distributional strength to develop 13 tricks.

South did proceed cautiously to guard against a minimum opening bid and poor distribution on North's part. He bid three clubs over one heart, being forced to use a short suit in order to make a forcing takeout. North responded with three diamonds and this cheered South greatly, since with barren distribution and a bare minimum, North would have bid three no-trump. South now decided he would guard against any chance of the heart suit being "phony," so he bid merely three hearts. There was no danger attached to this bid, inasmuch as a situation now existed which was forcing to game.

When North bid four hearts, South was no longer in doubt and jumped to seven. West, being quite positive that neither opponent would be void in diamonds, doubled to give East a hint of the opening lead. South, by this time, could see the error of his ways and did not redouble, and when East heeded West's cry and led the ten of diamonds, the Ace provided the single trick which was necessary to defeat the contract. It was exactly such situations as this for which the Four-Five Notrump Convention was devised, and South could have eliminated all doubt by bidding four notrump over four hearts. North's failure to bid five notrump at that point would have shown he lacked an Ace, and South could have pulled up to a safe stop at six hearts. The ironic part of the story is that North-South were playing the Four-Five Notrump Convention, but South "knew" the hand was cut and dried for seven and did not even bother to use it.

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1. My love is for ever true ("Il Re Pastore" (Mozart).
2. Ah! Come, nor linger more ("Le Nozze di Figaro" (Mozart).
3. Scold me, Scold me, Oh dear Masetto ("Don Giovanni" (Mozart).
4. What is this feeling? ("Le Nozze di Figaro" (Mozart).
5. 9.15-9.20 p.m.—A Relay of the Daventry News Bulletin (Copyright by Reuters).
6. 9.30-10 p.m. From the Studio.
Colleen Parker—Vocal.
Doreen Ma—Accompanist.
George Bond and Bill Cameron on two Pianos.
7. Song—Speaking Confidentially.
Piano Duets—Selected.
8. Song—'I'm sitting high on a Hilltop'.
9. Piano Duets—Selected.
10. Song—Give me a heart to sing to.
11. Piano Duets—Selected.
12. 10 p.m.—Big Ben.
13. 10.10-10.30 p.m.—Dance Tunes of Not-so-long-ago.
14. 10.30-11 p.m.—New Dance Tunes.
15. 11 p.m.—Close Down.

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TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station (Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 355 metres. (845 K.C.'s).

Vocal and Piano Variety from Studio
"New Books Worth Reading"
12.30-2.15 p.m.—European Recorded Programme.

1 p.m.—Local Time and Weather Report.

1.30 p.m.—Reader Press Bulletins, Rugby Press News, etc.

2.15 p.m.—Close Down.

4-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.

6-6.30 p.m.—Children's Studio Concert.

7-11 p.m.—European Programme.

7-7.17 p.m.—Vocal Gems.

Patience (Gilbert and Sullivan)

The Chocolate Soldier (O. Strauss)

7.17-7.50 p.m.—Light Orchestral Music.

The Shamrock (arr. Myddleton)

Romance (Tchaikovsky)

In a Monastery Garden (Kettelbey)

Spanish Dance in G Minor (Moszkowski).

Boleto in D Major (Moszkowski)

Fairy Tale (Heykens, arr. Foulkes)

In the Shadows (Finck)

The Doll Dance (Browns)

7.50-8 p.m.—From the Studio.

"New Books Worth Reading" by D.E.A.

8 p.m.—Local Time and Weather Report.

8.03-8.20 p.m.—Leslie Hutchinson at the Piano.

1. Hutch Medley

2. Wake.

3. Love is everywhere.

4. Kiss me goodnight.

8.20-8.40 p.m.—From the Studio.

A Pianoforte Recital by Nura Kanis Programme.

"Thirty-Two Variations in C Minor" Beethoven.

8.40-8.57 p.m.—Concert Waiters.

Roses of the South (J. Strauss)

Blue Danube (J. Strauss)

Tales from the Vienna Woods (J. Strauss)

8.57-9.15 p.m.—A Recital by Elisabeth Schumann (Soprano).

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Sporting Page

NAVY'S SENSATIONAL SOCCER WIN OVER LEAGUE CHAMPIONS



MR. C. J. TACCHI HONOURED

New President Of
L.B.A.

FAR EAST ASSOCIATION
TO BE FORMED

The main feature of the annual general meeting of the Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association, which was held in Messrs. Jardine, Matheson's Board Room yesterday, was the unanimous agreement regarding the formation of a governing body to be known as the Hong Kong and Far East Bowling Association, the president and secretary of the local body to be appointed to serve in conjunction with representatives from Shanghai and other interested bodies in the inauguration of the parent body.

Mr. C. J. Tacchi was elected president for the year and Mr. R. Bass vice-president. Messrs. C. B. Hosking and G. E. F. Thompson were re-elected Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer respectively.

The following teams signified their intention of competing in the two leagues.

First Division

Kowloon Cricket Club, Police Recreation Club, Craigenower C.C. "A", Craigenower C.C. "B", Club de Recreo, Indian R.C., Kowloon Bowling Green, Kowloon Dock R.C., Civil Service C.C. and the Tai Koo R.C.

Second Division

Kowloon C.C., Police R.C., Craigenower C.C., Club de Recreo, Kowloon Bowling Green, Hong Kong Football Club "A" and "B" (second team being provisional), Civil Service C.C., Yacht Club and the Hong Kong Electric.

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RECREIO "A" WIN CHAMPIONSHIP

Walk-Over In The
Mixed Doubles

BADMINTON LEAGUE

Owing to the non-appearance of three of their members, the Fire Brigade Recreation Club were forced to give the Club de Recreo "A" a walk-over in the Ladies' Doubles Badminton League last night at King's Park, where their postponed fixture was scheduled to be played.

By obtaining this walk-over, Recreio "A" have assured themselves of the championship.

Only Mrs. E. L. Shute, Miss M. Griffiths and Mrs. Wild turned up for the Fire Brigade.

In consequence of the walk-over the revised league table is as follows:

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TO-DAY TENNIS

CRAIGENGOWER PAIR FAVOURED

DIFFICULT TASK FOR
C.R.C. CHAMPIONS

1920 HOLDERS ON VIEW

(By "Base-Line")

TO-DAY'S big match at the H.K.C.C. is undoubtedly the doubles encounter between Lee Wai-tong and Luk Ding-cheung, C.R.C. champions, and J. W. Leonard and Y. Hachiuma, Craigenower's first string pair.

I am inclined to favour Leonard and Hachiuma, despite the fact that they have clearly shown in the past that they are easily rattled. Lee has deteriorated lamentably this season, and the result will undoubtedly depend on him. Luk is of the impetuous type and unless Lee can display the steadiness which characterised his play last year, the C.R.C. pair are more than likely to be defeated.

M. W. and M. K. Lo, the 1920 champions, will probably find A. V. Gosano and A. V. Remedios, Recreio's leading challengers, much too fast for them, although their courtcraft and fine understanding should stand them in good stead.

Teddy Fincher and Paul Kong are likely to win their singles matches without any difficulty.

To-day's programme, commencing at 4.45 p.m., is as follows:

OPEN SINGLES (Second Round)

E. C. Fincher v Capt. W. J. R. Cragg

T. A. Pearce v Paul Kong

OPEN DOUBLES (Second Round)

M. K. Lo and M. W. Lo v A. V. Gosano and A. V. Remedios

Lee Wai-tong and Luk Ding-cheung v J. W. Leonard and Y. Hachiuma

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP (Second Round)

P. H. Scoones v H. J. Armstrong

T. C. Monaghan v A. L. Sullivan

CLUB HANDICAP SINGLES (Second Round)

G. S. Gamble -2/6 v A. C. I. Bowker

W. W. McKenzie +1/6 or G. E. R. Divett -4/6 v R. Henry +1/6 or M. Pugh -1/2

(By "BASE-LINE")

RUMJAHN IN LAST EIGHT

Tsui Yan-pui In
Limelight

MOST IMPRESSIVE PLAYER
IN DOUBLES MATCH

(By "BASE-LINE")

Sirdar Rumjahn, the holder, entered the last eight in the Colony Lawn Tennis Singles Championship at the H.K.C.C. yesterday when he beat F. H. Kwok, the C.R.C. left-hander, without unduly exerting himself.

Rumjahn, who is favoured to win the title for the seventh time in his career, will probably meet Paul Kong, ex-Davis Cup ace, for right of entry into the final.

The doubles match produced several good rallies, but whenever a point was needed the Tsuis managed to take it without any trouble. Tsui Yan-pui played a very steady game and was the most impressive player on view. Tsui Wai-pui, who is expected to offer a spirited bid for the singles title, was inclined to take things much too easily.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Open Singles (Third Round)

S. A. Rumjahn (holder) beat F. H. Kwok 6-2, 6-4

Open Doubles (Second Round)

Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Yan-pui beat A. W. Ramsay and G. C. Burnett 6-2, 6-3

Club Championship (First Round)

Lee Gomer. S. F. Stapleton beat Capt. W. J. R. Cragg 6-3, 6-3

H. J. Armstrong beat P. H. Scoones 6-2, 6-1 (Second Round)

Club Handicap Singles (Second Round)

T. J. Price (acc.) beat B. O'M. Deane (-5/6) 6-3, 6-3

J. Thompson (+1/6) beat T. A. Pearce (-1/5) 8-6, 6-3

Club Handicap Doubles (Second Round)

T. C. Monaghan and E. J. McMillan (-3/6) beat C. C. Stark and F. A. Joseph (-2/6) 6-3, 9-7

The Tsui brothers will now meet the Rumjahn cousins, holders for the past 11 years, in the Third Round.

I was surprised to see Alec Pearce in action against J. Thompson in the Club Handicap Singles. It was a gruelling match for the Club League player and, in view of his recent attack of flu and his Second Round match against Paul Kong today, I don't think it did him much good.

AUSTRALIA TO MEET CUBA

DAVIS CUP
TOURNEY

Melbourne, February 12. A special meeting of the Council of the Australian Lawn Tennis Association decided that the Davis Cup team will leave Sydney by the Niagara on March 26, arriving at Vancouver on April 17.

Australia's first Davis Cup match will be against Cuba on May 7, 8 and 9. If successful, the team will meet the Americans on May 21, 22 and 23. Both these matches will be on hard courts. J. Crawford and A. K. Quist, who return from Tasmania to-day, are to be interviewed before a decision is made on methods to be adopted for special training.

COMPETING IN INTERNATIONAL CUP

LEUNG WING-CHIU, the South China "A" and China centre-half, was born in Hong Kong. He first learned the rudiments of the game at the Wanchai School, latter playing for the Sacred Heart College eleven. In 1926 he made his debut in the League when he played for the Scouts in the Third Division. In the following year he joined South China's first eleven, as a full-back, and played in that position for two years.

In 1929 he was moved to half, and at the end of the year he made his first tour with the Hong Kong Chinese to Singapore, to play for the Ho Ho Trophy.

In the following year he was selected to play for Southern



WOLVERSON GIVES FINE DISPLAY

SOUTH CHINA "A" FAIL
TO MAKE HEADWAY

CHINESE HALVES WEAK

(By "Referee")

THE Royal Navy scored a spectacular triumph in the First Division of the soccer League yesterday at Caroline Hill when they beat South China "A" by 2 goals to 1 in a clash featured by brilliant defensive tactics by the Navy backs and halves.

The inability of the South China halves to hold their opposing forwards in the latter stages of the game, and the miserable display of Lee Kwok-wai and Leung Wing-chiu behind Lee Wai-tong and Tay Quee-liang, contributed in no small measure to the Navy's success and their own downfall.

Wolverson, the Navy left-back, was the outstanding player on view, and came to the rescue of his side time and again with brilliant interceptions, while his clearances overhead by means of equally brilliant headwork, left the South China forwards spreadeagled.

Nicholson and his wing-halves, Tournock and Lobb, played very constructive football and the manner in which the wing-halves drew their opponents before sending either Baxter or Tunnell away, is deserving of the highest praise.

Polished Display

Baxter gave a polished display on the right-wing where he had no opposition at all from Lee Kwok-wai and very little from Tam Kong-pak, whose sliding tackles were invariably fruitless. Doran was not fast enough in his shooting, otherwise the Navy might have finished up with a much bigger total.

Cannell and Rose were the Navy's most dangerous forwards and gave the South China defence



a harassing time. Rose's goal, which was disallowed because Cannell happened to be in an off-side position, although not interfering with play, was one of the finest pieces of ball control I have seen and his eventual shot, beat Wong Wing all ends up.

Something Lacking

Although South China "A" were at full strength, there was something lacking in their play and it may have been the fact that Teo Hian-gwan, their new centre-forward from Java, was not used to the short-passing game and disorganised their attack to a certain extent. Even when Lee Wai-tong took over the leadership in the second half, there was very little improvement shown, although for a moment the whole team gave a glimpse of their true form.

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When Connie Mack was approached with an offer for the services of Buddy Myers, above, Connie demanded \$500,000 for the star second baseman.

MENZEL SWEEPS THE BOARD AT MADRAS GAMES

Indian Players
Overwhelmed

METAXA'S LUCKY WIN

Madras, March 1. The remaining three international tennis matches between Central Europe and Madras were played this evening and, as expected, the visitors swept the board, winning all five matches of the series, including the two played yesterday.

Menzel was unplayable with his hurricane service, speed and repertoire of strokes, and he easily outclassed Rachappa in two straight sets without conceding even a single point in either set. Krishnaswamy among the local players displayed vastly improved form and was definitely unlucky in having lost his match against Metaxa, having taken a winning lead of 4 games to one in the final set after scoring one set all.

Fine Recovery

Metaxa made a tremendous recovery, and hitting harder than ever with rare accuracy and speed, reeled off five games at a stretch, winning the set and match.

Scores: Menzel beat Rachappa 6-0, 6-0.

Metaxa beat Krishnaswamy 5-7, 6-3, 6-4.

Menzel and Metaxa beat Krishnaswamy and Y. R. Savour 6-4, 6-2.

INTER-HOSTEL TENNIS

St. John's Hall Win
Trophy

The final of the University Inter-Hostel tennis competition was played on the University ground, Pokfulam, yesterday when St. John's Hall defeated Elliot Hall by 5 sets to 4.

It is interesting to note that this is the first time that St. John's Hall has won the trophy, which had been held by Elliot Hall for the last eight years.

Results were as follows: P. K. Liang and S. Ling beat H. N. Lee and P. C. Lee 6-4; beat Y. K. Kwok and W. N. Cheung 7-5; beat S. F. Yuen and T. F. Kwok 6-1.

Y. N. Tan and G. Chang lost to H. N. Lee and P. C. Lee 2-6; lost to Y. K. Kwok and W. N. Cheung 4-6; beat S. F. Yuen and T. F. Kwok 6-1.

H. K. Kwok and E. C. Tan lost to H. N. Lee and P. C. Lee 1-6; lost to Y. K. Kwok and W. N. Cheung 1-6; beat S. F. Yuen and T. F. Kwok 6-1.

TO-DAY'S HOCKEY

The following will represent the Hong Kong Hockey Club against the Royal Engineers on the Club Ground at King's Park at 5 p.m., to-day:

H. P. Shields; J. E. Potter (Capt.) and A. R. Botelho; J. L. Cotterworth, W. A. Reed and R. A. Bates; S. A. Fowler, J. L. Tetley, D. Carey, L. Pracht and D. J. Nooy.

GIBBONS IS ANXIOUS TO MEET McAVOY

Father-Phantom Mike
Urges Match

CONVINCED SON CAN
BEAT BRITISHER

St. Paul, March 14.

Young Jack Gibbons would "like nothing better" than have a go with Jack McAvoy, the new British lightweight sensation.

Gibbons added his 65th victory in 66 professional fights on December 13 in New York, when he defeated Billy Ketchell of Philadelphia, in a six-round preliminary on the Louis-Uzoudon bout.

Growing steadily, young Gibbons has abandoned the middleweights, weighed 167½ pounds for his fight. His father-manager, "Phantom Mike" Gibbons, said he eventually will grow to the heavy-weight class.

"Pa" Gibbons' Opinion

Mike Gibbons watched McAvoy in training in New York and was at the ringside when he stopped Babe Risko in less than a round.

"I was impressed with McAvoy's ability," said Mike, "but not quite so deeply impressed as many of the eastern experts."

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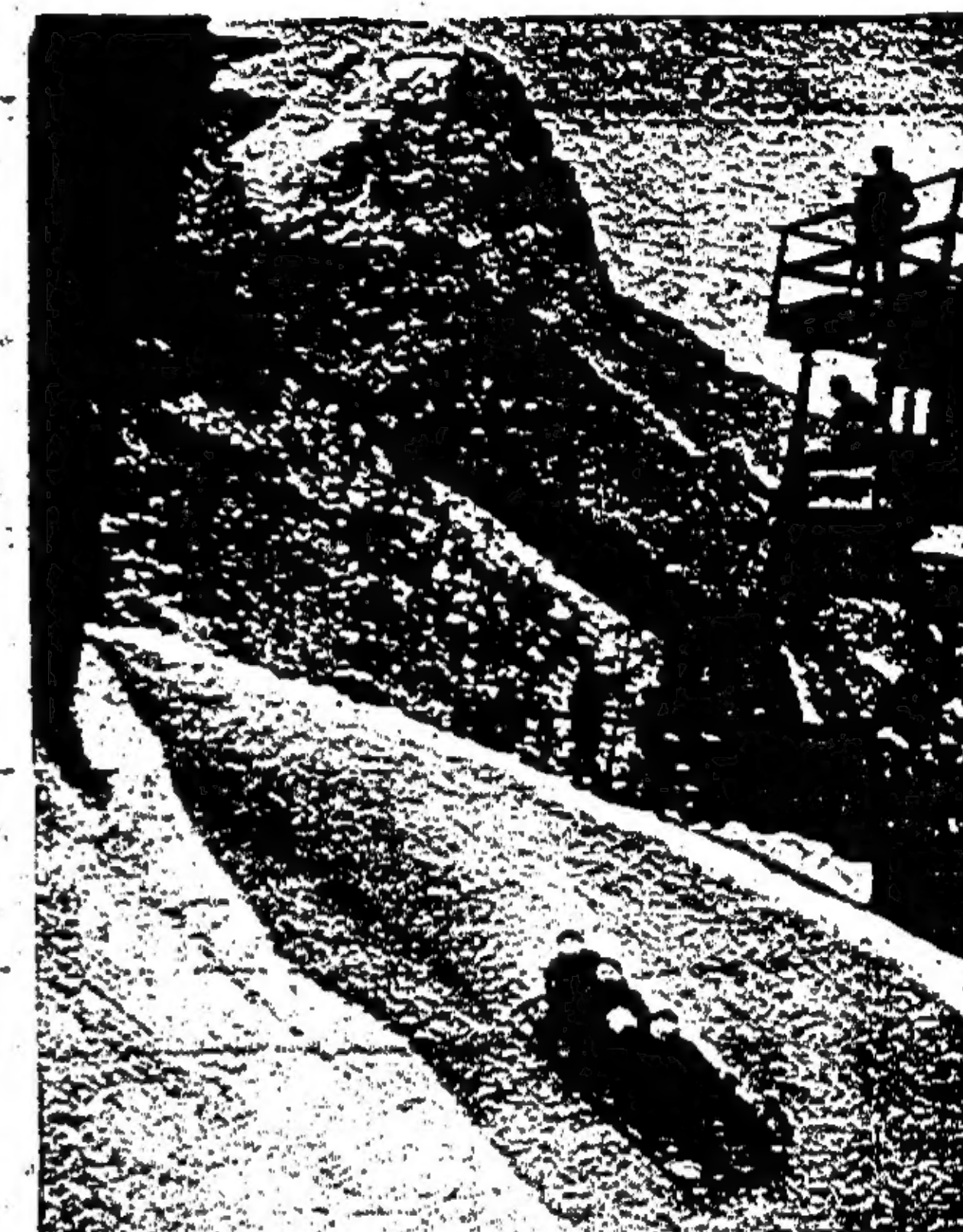
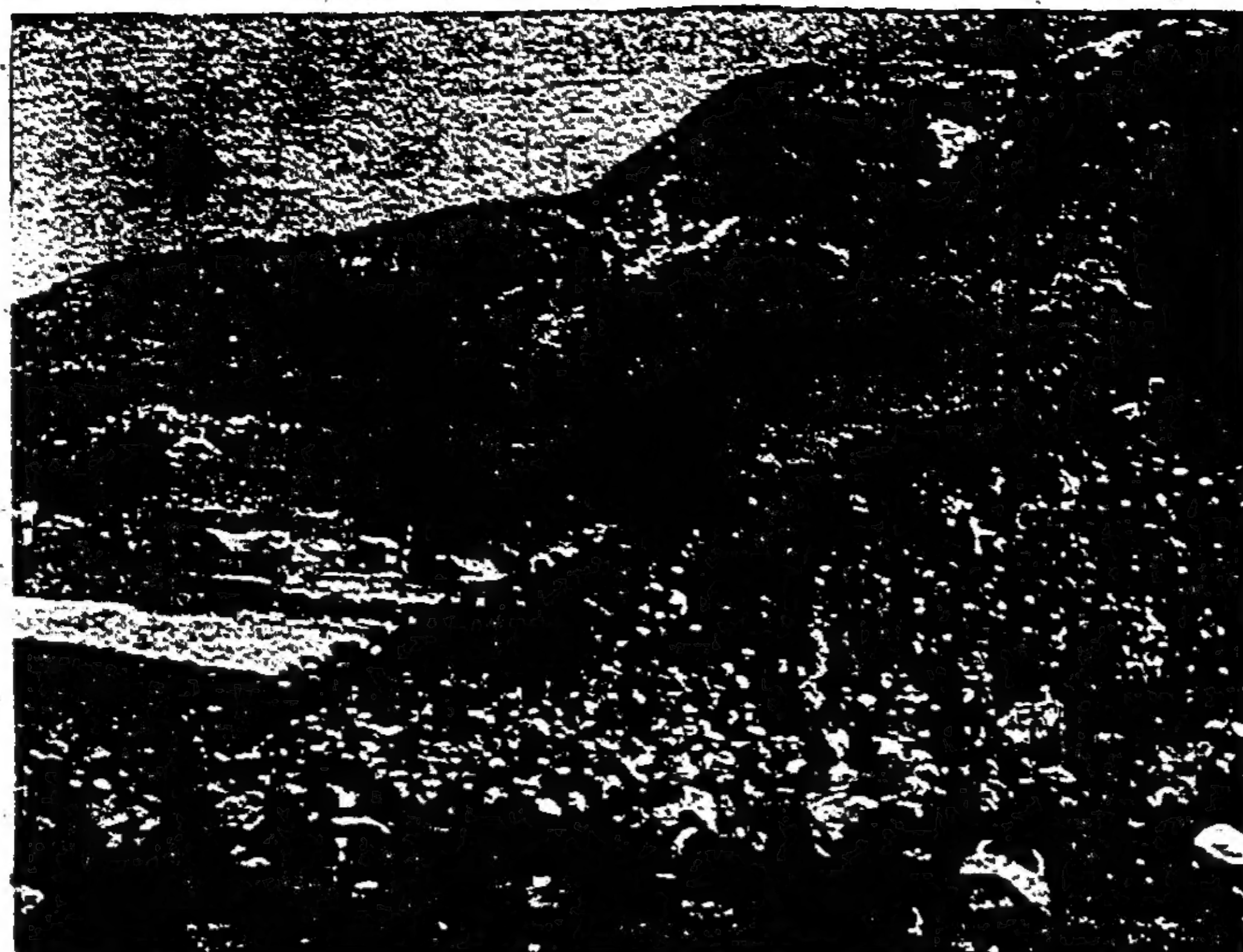
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Reproduced above are pictures taken at the recent Winter Olympic Games at Garmisch-Partenkirchen. (Top left) Spectators at the Winter Games. For every event thousands of people gathered. (Top centre) The Americans won the bobsleigh doubles event. Shown above are the American champion Brown and behind him, Washboard. (Top right) The triple skating champion, the Norwegian Ivar Ballangrud, who, for the first time in the history of the Olympic Games, won three events—the 500, 5,000 and 10,000 Metres skating championships. (Lower left) Our photo shows the 11-year-old Japanese Junda, Karl Schaefer, the winner of the gold medal in the individual figure skating for men, and Marie Herber and Ernst Baier, who won the championship in the figure skating for pairs. (Lower centre) The Norwegian Berge Rind (left), who won a gold medal, and the Swede Even Ericson, winner of a silver medal for ski-jumping. (Lower right) The gold medal winning bobsleigh "Switzerland II" takes the bend. "Switzerland I" was placed second.

SPORTSMAN TO MARRY

Mr. G. Duncan's Fine Record

SIX YEARS AN INTERNATIONAL SOCCER PLAYER

George Duncan, captain of the Hong Kong Football Club's second eleven, whose marriage to Miss Bessie Gill takes place to-morrow, has a fine sports record.

He has appeared on six separate occasions in the *Sunday Herald* International Charity Cup competition for Scotland.

He commenced his soccer activities with the Kowloon Football Club and played on and off for them, both in the Shield and League, and in 1931 joined the Hong Kong Football Club, playing at centre-forward.

He first took up hockey in Canton in 1925 and has represented Canton in the Triangular tournament against the Colony and Macao, playing in goal. He is also a very proficient lawn bowler, being a prominent member of the Craigengower Cricket Club's junior team. Last season he was runner-up to H. Beer and won the Club Handicap Singles event. He represented Hong Kong in the Aitkenhead Shield game last season.

Following his marriage to-morrow, George Duncan and his bride will leave for England on the German liner Scharnhorst.

THE FANLING HUNT & RACE CLUB

AMBULANCE SWEEP

THE AMBULANCE CUP RACE will be run on SATURDAY, 4th April, at 3.30 p.m., and not on Sunday, 5th April.

By Order of The Committee,
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Mr. C. J. Tacchi Honoured

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Mr. L. Guy, in reply to the Chairman, intimated that the Kowloon Bowling Green Club did not intend to avail themselves of the privilege of promoting the second team, which had won the Junior Championship.

The chairman remarked that as the Kowloon B.G.C. did not wish promotion he proposed that the Taikeo R.C. be re-elected to the First Division.

The proposal was seconded and carried.

Minimum Width

The meeting agreed to accept a local ruling that rinks be of a minimum width of 17 feet when necessary instead of 19 feet. It was pointed out that in the event of the Aitkenhead Shield match being played on the Kowloon Bowling Green Club it was impossible to accommodate the various quartettes on rinks of 19 feet. On the Craigengower C.C. green also there was usually one rink less than the 19 feet requirement when the club had two teams playing at home.

The question of infringements of rules was also brought up, and it was decided to circularise clubs asking their co-operation. The football rule was among those mentioned.

Far Eastern Body

Mr. B. E. Mangham, then addressed the meeting on the formation of a Far Eastern Association. He said:

Through the medium of the Press both in Shanghai and Hong Kong, members of our associations have had the opportunity of considering the merits of the formation of a Governing Body, to be known as The Hong Kong and Far East Bowling Association, with representation from each of the 'bodies' now controlling the game in their respective areas.

At the present time the Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association is by courtesy affiliated with the English-Bowling Association, but obtains no material advantage by that affiliation. In other words we are 'nobody's' child. With the formation of an Association embracing the clubs in the Far East,

constitutionally on similar lines to the Dominion Associations, there is every prospect of affiliation with the International Bowling Board resulting in the same recognition 'as is afforded to the Associations of Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and Canada. The recognition would embrace the advantage of official tours being arranged with the National Associations, and possible visits from representative teams from the Dominion associations.

Headquarters Here

With Hong Kong as the pivotal Headquarters possibilities are presented for Far East Championship Tournaments to be held in the Colony which will not only be to the best interests of the game, but advantageous to the Colony in general.

I would add that the Governing Body shall have no jurisdiction over the domestic arrangements obtaining within the separate affiliated areas.

Having put these main points before the meeting I now move:

1. That this association is in full agreement with the formation of a Governing Body to be known as the Hong Kong and Far East Bowling Association and pledges its support by affiliation thereto.

2. That the President and Secretary be appointed to represent this Association in conjunction with representatives of Shanghai Bowling Association and other interested bodies in the formation of the parent association.

The motions were put to the meeting and carried.

Registration of Players

Mr. A. E. Silkstone proposed that the present bye-law requiring the registration of six players in the First Division be deleted. He pointed out that occasions might arise when registered players lost form and did not deserve a place in the team. Being registered players they were not eligible for the Junior side and were thus kept out of bowls.

The proposal was accepted by the meeting, the members voting in favour of the deletion of the bye-law.

WOLVERSON GIVES FINE DISPLAY

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Wong Wing was very nervous and almost dropped the ball into his own net on one occasion, while he should have held Cannell's drive, which slipped through his fingers and crossed the line in mid-air. But he was hampered considerably by Tam Kong-pak, who would persist in attempting to head the ball from under the very bar, while Lee Kwok-wai invariably fell back into the goalmouth at the wrong time, and was very nearly responsible for a goal. Lee Ting-sang and Lau Hing-choi were both up to standard, although the former was caught napping once or twice when Lobb sent a long pass through to Tuffnell, on the left-wing.

Lee Wai-tong and Teo Hing-gwan were the only forwards to make any headway and the latter's goal although a good shot, was a doubtful one as he appeared to be in an off-side position.

Tso Kwai-shing Shines

Tso Kwai-shing was the pick of the two wingers, although Tay-Quee-liang had only just left a sick bed and most of his centres consequently lacked power.

Pung King-cheong worked hard, but made very little headway against the bustling methods of Lobb and Wolverson.

South China "A" opened the scoring after 15 minutes' play, when a through pass by Lee Wai-tong saw Teo Hing-gwan snap up the ball and crash home a "daisy-cutter" which had both Wolverson and Hayman well beaten.

Navy Equivals

South China "A" held their lead until well into the second half, when Cannell sent home a pile-driver from a pass by Baxter; Wong Wing fumbled and the ball crossed the line. The last minutes of the game were thrilling, South China's forwards breaking through the Navy intermediate line only to be felled by Beglar and Wolverson. A breakaway saw Tuffnell force a corner off Lee Ting-sang. Lobb took the corner kick and placed the ball well away from the goalmouth and Nicholson took a running header at the ball, which



passed over Wong Wing's outstretched hands into the back of the net. Full time came soon afterwards.

The result of the game has caused a very interesting situation as it places the Police and South China "A" on level terms, the former being two points ahead, although the Chinese have a game in hand. These two teams clash on Saturday and the winning team will probably carry off the championship.

Royal Navy:—Hayman; Beglar and Wolverson; Tounock, Nicholson and Lobb; Baxter, Doran, Cannell, Ross and Tuffnell.

South China "A":—Wong Wing; Lee Ting-sang and Tam Kong-pak; Lau Hing-choi, Leung Wing-chiu and Lee Kwok-wai; Tso Kwai-shing, Pung King-cheong, Teo Hing-gwan, Lee Wai-tong and Tay-Quee-liang.

RECREO "A" WIN CHAMPIONSHIP

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Recreo "B"	2 3 1 3 10 2	
Fire Brigade	3 0 3 6 16 0	

Rearranged Fixtures

As the postponed fixture between Recreio "A" and the Fire Brigade Recreation Club in the Ladies' Doubles Badminton League was arranged to be played last night at King's Park, the match in the Men's Doubles section, between Recreio "A" and the Fire Brigade, has been postponed to Friday evening commencing at 8.30 p.m.

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Keeping Faith With The Investor

After a hearing that lasted
for nearly a fortnight all three
defendants in what has become
known as the "Pepper case"
were found guilty and sentenced
at the Old Bailey last month.
In reality, as the judge made
plain in his summing-up, the
trial did not turn upon transac-
tions in pepper. The compar-
atively simple question involved
was whether Garabed Bishir-
gian circulated a prospectus
"which he knew to be false in a
material particular," and whe-
ther he was aided and abetted
in doing so by the other defen-
dants, John Howson and Louis
Hardy. The issue was one of
company law, about which there
is little that is haphazard. Pep-
per played so large a part at
every stage of the trial because
the prospectus in question—
that of James and Shakespeare
—failed to reveal when invit-
ing subscriptions from the
public, that the company was
involved in huge purchases of
pepper which would have to be
financed. The prospectus, by
ignoring a matter of impor-
tance, created a false and mis-
leading impression in the minds
of those who were invited to
subscribe, and the law holds
that a document with that de-
fect is false.

Concealment gave importance
to the pepper transactions. Ex-
cept in their magnitude there
was nothing in these that was
not perfectly legitimate busi-
ness. Merchants firms buy
large quantities of commodities
ahead in the expectation that
they will be able to sell at a pro-
fit. As Mr. Justice Atkinson
said in his summing-up, a man
may attempt, if he choose, to
corner the supply of a particu-
lar article, and "there is nothing
legally wrong about it." But
if a company is to be floated
which is committed to transac-
tions that are necessarily
speculative, "the obligation to
disclose a situation full of po-
tential danger cannot be de-
nied." It was ably pleaded on
behalf of Bishirgian that,
while recognising there was
something which ought to be
explained to the public when
subscriptions were to be invit-
ed, he left the drafting of the
document to others. Had that
plea convinced the jury the
whole of the defendants would
have gone free. Their finding
means that Bishirgian knew
that information fatal to a suc-
cessful promotion of the com-
pany was withheld.

Such an ending to a case that
has excited widespread public
interest will do much to
strengthen public confidence,
alike in the vigilance of the law
and the security that is given
by company legislation. The
standard of rectitude in the
City of London is as high as
anywhere in the world. Its
maintenance is a matter of high
concern in these days, when
the habit of investment in pub-
lic companies has spread to
great new classes of the com-
munity. The pepper trial em-
phasises the obligation upon
those who seek subscriptions
from the public to reveal every-
thing that is material to the
value of their offer. Happily,
in this case, there has been no
suggestion of a gap in the law
that requires repair. Nor does
the transaction that was con-
demned last month involve ruin
to a circle of small investors.

The punishment that falls upon
three men, who have held their
heads high in commercial
circles, is an additional warn-
ing, which business men, before
all others, will welcome, that
faith must be kept with the in-
vesting public.

UNUSUAL SHIPPING CASE

Manning Of Vessel
Objected To
BRIGHT VEGA ALLOWED
TO PROCEED

A very unusual case which may
have far reaching effects came be-
fore the authorities yesterday
when the Captain of the British
freighter Bright Vega applied to
the Harbour Master, the Hon.
Commander G. F. Hole, to show
reasons why he should not be
given a clearance certificate to
leave Hong Kong.

Objections were raised to the
manning of the Bright Vega,
which arrived here on Sunday
from Australian ports via the
Solomon and Philippine Islands.

Though sailing under the Brit-
ish flag the ship carries only
three Britons, the Master, Cap-
tain F. A. Kjeldgaard, the Chief
Officer and one other. The rest
of the officers and crew are Ja-
panese.

Captain Kjeldgaard stated that
he could not understand the ob-
jections to his ship's crew as he
has already been in a number of
British ports since the men were
picked up in Japan and no ob-
jection has been raised. He un-
derstood, also, from his Company
in London that the practice was
legal.

Official View

The official view of the case is,
it is understood, that the case is
unprecedented here and that any
definite step against the ship,
such as holding her up or insist-
ing on the substitution of British
officers for the Japanese, would be
far too dangerous and might cause
a great deal of trouble. Any
action which should be taken can
be taken in England.

Accordingly the Bright Vega
was granted a clearance certi-
ficate to sail for Dairen at 5 p.m.
yesterday.

Mr. W. E. Kirby, Secretary of
the China Coast Officers' Guild
and the Marine Engineers' Guild,
in a statement yesterday, said
that there could be no objection
to the ship carrying Japanese of-
ficers provided she hauled down
the Red Ensign; but if she in-
tended to trade under the British
flag it should be made imperative
for her to carry British officers.

Apparently the decision of the
authorities here means that any
British ship trading on the China
Coast which does not intend visit-
ing the United Kingdom or which
does not desire a passenger certi-
ficate may dismiss all the British
officers and substitute Japanese
or Chinese.

LATE MRS. W. EGGE LAID TO REST

Happy Valley Burial

RUSSIAN ORTHODOX SERVICE
HELD AT CEMETERY

The funeral of Mrs. Pelagia E.
Egge, wife of Mr. Egge, manager
of Messrs. Kunst and Albers, who
died yesterday morning at the
French Hospital, took place yes-
terday afternoon at the Protes-
tant Cemetery, Happy Valley. The
chief mourner was the bereaved
husband. Prior to the interment,
a Russian Orthodox service was
held in the cemetery chapel, the
Rev. Fr. Dmitri Uspensky officiat-
ing.

Among those present were Herr
H. Gipperich, the German Consul,
Messrs. Liemann, H. Heilmeyer,
Meyer, D. Dohse, Hart, T. V.
Treakin, von Ehren, Nocht, R.
Schowb, A. Crestijo, Petrey, H.
Mueller, T. M. V. Devan, Chin
Hei-hing, Hai Pak-choi, Ho Yan,
Lai Fat, Wong Yan-cheong, Wong
Kin-hong, Au Pua-sam, Yip Chan-
hing, and Yip Pin-lum.

AIR-CONDITIONED EQUIPMENT ON CANADIAN PACIFIC TRAINS

The Canadian Pacific Railway
Company have received advices of
the inauguration of improved air-
conditioned equipment on their
through trains during the coming
Summer.

ing, which business men, before
all others, will welcome, that
faith must be kept with the in-
vesting public.

Here There and Everywhere.

BANKER-TENOR

Recently English listeners
heard a new tenor, Henry Hart-
well, who made a broadcast for
the first time in England.

The name is a pseudonym and
conceals the identity of Baron
Harold von Oppenheim, a member
of the famous Cologne banking
firm.

Baron Oppenheim, whose
mother was an American, married
a niece of the late Spanish dicta-
tor, Primo de Rivera. He is now
playing the lead in the successful
opera, "Ball of All Nations" in
Berlin.

Its success is curious, for the
music is by a Czech composer and,
according to Nazi standards, the
Baron is not a 100 per cent Aryan.
He received special permission
from his theatre to come to Eng-
land for this one B.B.C. concert.

LANGUAGES OF DIPLOMACY

The decision of the Netherlands
and Belgian Governments to cor-
respond henceforth in Dutch fur-
ther weakens the claim of French
to be regarded as the official dip-
lomatic language.

Up to the end of the seventeenth
century Latin was the invariable
medium of diplomatic intercourse;
then, for two centuries, French.
Even before the war, English had
supplanted French in the Far
East; and the Treaty of Versailles
established English and French
as having equal rights in interna-
tional usage.

In recent years a common prac-
tice has been for two nations to
use their own languages in cor-
responding.

Your Daily Smile!

Chamber of Commerce executive
claims business needs a return to the
old order. Or, possibly, a flood of
new ones.

A man took an elderly relative to
see a football match. "Why is that
man walking away?" asked the wo-
man.

"He's been sent off the field for a
foul."

"My goodness, one foul won't go
far between twenty-two men."

A farmer, aged 74, advertises for
wife "between 40 and 65 years of
age." He should know that all
women between 40 and 65 are in their
thirties.

NEW APPROACH TO DIVORCE

MY "MARRIAGE" BILL IN PARLIAMENT

SUPPORTED BY MODERATE CHURCH
OPINION IN ENGLAND

(By A. P. Herbert, M.P.)

LET me give a word of warn-
ing to any who are suffer-
ing under the present law con-
cerning the Marriage Bill which
I have presented to Parliament.
They must not, because they see
that a bill has been introduced
to Parliament, begin to hope.
I was unlucky in the Ballot
for Private Members and am a
long way down the list. So, in
the absence of a fluke or a more
generous reception from the Gov-
ernment than past efforts have
enjoyed, there is little chance of
the bill being so much as dis-
cussed in the near future.

But one never knows; and, at
least, it was worth while to
present the bill in order to test
and collect opinion on the new
proposals.

Nor must the sufferer find
fault with my fellow private
Members. I have been sur-
prised by the width and volume
of the sympathy expressed
among members of every sec-
tion of the House. But private
Members cannot command Par-
liamentary time.

The bill is—to use a phrase
which is not my own—a new
approach to the divorce prob-
lem, or, rather, the problem of
getting something done.

After 24 Years

It is 24 years since the Royal
Commission reported, and all
efforts to pass its recommenda-
tions through the House of
Commons have failed. These
recommendations, of which the
most important are the new
grounds for divorce and nullity,
are embodied in the bill, almost
exactly as they were in Mr.
Holford Knight's bill.

Many people do not like them
all, as they stand; I do not
myself; but they could be
amended in Committee. If we
had tinkered excessively with
the Royal Commission's Report
we should be in even hotter
water than we are sure to be
already. I hope, therefore, that
no one will write fierce, indig-
nant letters on purely Committee

points, though every expression
of opinion will be helpful.

And now for the new pro-
posals. I believe that moderate
Church opinion is much more
ready for a reasonable reform
of the State law than most
Members of Parliament sus-
pect; and having been elected
a Member for Oxford Univer-
sity I have good reason for say-
ing so.

Those who addressed my en-
velopes have estimated the
number of clerical electors at
figures varying from 25 to 35
per cent. (I do not know which
figure is correct). In my elec-
tion address I made no secret of
my intentions; and I quoted the
saying of the Archbishop of
Canterbury, on October 20:
"The time has come when it is
impossible for Parliament to re-
sist the growing public demand
for some extension of presu-
mably legal grounds of divorce."

State Law And Church

Reasonable Churchmen, I be-
lieve, now recognise the great
volume of public opinion which
favours reform, and are weary
of having this tiresome ques-
tion clattering at their heels.
But they wish to be assured
that what is proposed will not
mean the break-up of marriage
and the family, and that where
the State law diverges from the
Church's ideal their own con-
sciences will be respected.

Some of the new proposals
will, I hope, provide that assur-
ance, though they are not put
forward for that purpose only.

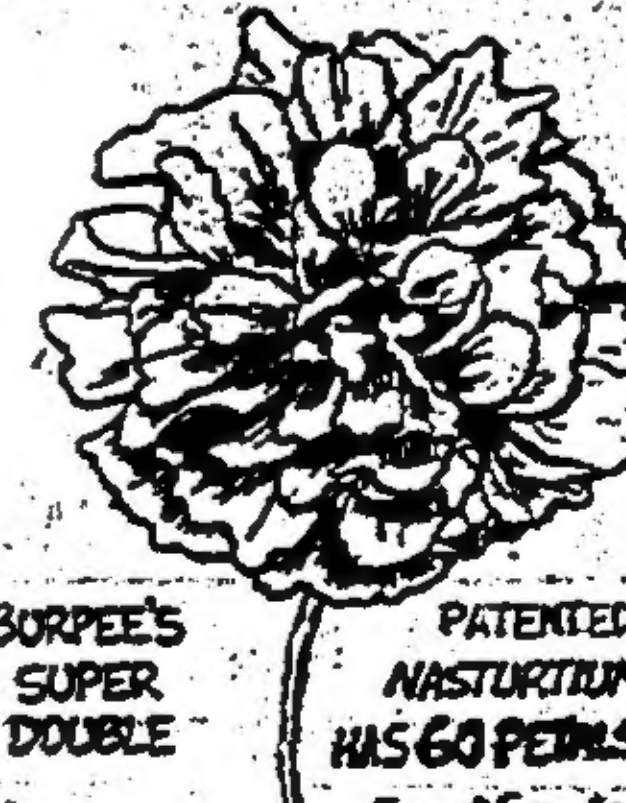
The bill provides that there
shall be no divorce within five
years of marriage. This, I re-
peat, is not merely a sop to
those who fear that more
humane divorce will mean
"Hollywood" divorce. I believe
it to be sound.

Those early years are often
the most difficult, and, among
the hasty, cause dissolutions
which might, with delay, have
been avoided. But it does not
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"BELIEVE IT OR NOT" by Robert L. Ripley



THE LEGAL STANDARD OF MEASURE
IN THE U.S. IS NOT FEET AND INCHES
BUT THE METER—3.28 FEET



JERRY YEE
100
CHINESE LADYDOOP
RAN FOR BOSTON CITY COUNCIL
"CAMPAIGN PLATFORM WAS—
NOTHING, HEAR NOTHING, KNOW NOTHING AND DO NOTHING."

Baby Peggy
GUARDENA
OF DORCHESTER, MASS.
COURT ROLLER
SKATE AT THE AGE OF 15 Months!

AMERICA'S HUGE AIR ARMADA

DRIVE TO INCREASE PLANES TO 3,000

114 NEW NAVY BOMBERS ORDERED

Washington. CONTRACTS just awarded for 900 army and navy planes mark the speed with which the drive to increase "America's Air Armada" to 3,000 in 1936 has begun.

Already 103 giant army bombers ordered in December are nearing completion and 114 new navy bombers will soon be warming up on the flight decks of aeroplane carriers.

Both Mr. George H. Dern, Secretary of War, and Mr. Claude A. Swanson, Secretary of the Navy, in their annual reports to the President stressed the necessity for increasing the military air power of the United States. The navy reported 1,068 planes fit for sea service with 400 new planes contracted for. The army, said Secretary Dern, has 1,196 planes with contracts for 500 more.

"DORADO" PILOTS ENTERTAINED

Cocktail Party At Peninsula

LARGE GATHERING

Captain J. H. Lock and Mr. A. C. Thomas, pilots of the "Dorado," were the guests of the Imperial Airways at a cocktail party given at the Peninsula Hotel at 6.30 last evening.

There was a large gathering of representative people present and everyone had an opportunity of meeting and speaking with the pilot and co-pilot of the first air mail plane to arrive in Hong Kong from Penang.

Among those present were: Wing Commander Keary, Officer Commanding the R.A.F. in Hong Kong, and Mrs. Keary, Mr. E. Nelson, Superintendent at Kai Tak Aerodrome, Mr. J. H. Taggart, Managing Director of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels, and Mrs. Taggart, Mr. G. G. N. Tinson, of Johnson, Stokes and Master, and Mrs. Tinson, Mr. A. H. Penn, Manager of the Bank Line, Ltd., and Mrs. Penn, Mr. J. B. Lanyon, of Butterfield and Swire, and Mrs. Lanyon, Mr. W. F. Murray, Commander of the Far East Flying School, and Mrs. Murray, Mr. N. J. Perrin, Manager of Thomas Cooks, Mr. C. W. Jeffries and Mrs. Jeffries and Mrs. B. D. Evans of the Royal Observatory, Mr. R. E. Scott, H.M. Trade Commissioner and Commercial Secretary in Hong Kong, and Mrs. Scott, Mr. W. H. Bell, Manager of the Asiatic Petroleum Company, and Mrs. Bell, Mr. D. C. Wilson, Mr. & Mrs. A. Hicks, Wing Commander Bishop, Intelligence Officer of the R.A.F. in Hong Kong, Lt.-Col. Dowbiggin, Flt.-Lt. Anderson, Flt.-Lt. Hunt, Squadron Leader Pearce, Lt. Commander Usher, Colonel H. L. Morrow and Miss Morrow, Mr. and Mrs. Neale, Mr. Dudman, Mr. Wheeler, Mr. P. H. Smith and Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Price, Mr. and Mrs. Suckling, Mr. and Mrs. Cooper, Mr. McCabe, Mr. H. G. Sheldon.

THE KOWLOON TONG ASSOCIATION

Appeal For Better Facilities

At the third annual meeting of the Kowloon Tong Garden City Association, held in the Clubhouse last evening, an appeal was made by members that the Club should cater more generously for the "playing members" and also that children should not be absolutely debarred from its precincts.

After much discussion, it was decided that the matter should be left in the hands of the following members who were elected to serve on the committee for the ensuing year:

Messrs. F. W. Stapleton (Chairman), Q. T. Chen, (Hon. Secretary) Mr. H. F. Un (Hon. Treasurer); Lai Jim-tong, Dr. Kwan Sum-yin, Chan Nai-nam, Wong Chak-nam, C. H. Kwan, H. M. Siu, Dr. B. de Souza, Mok Liu, Peter H. Sin, A. Urquhart, L. A. Osmund, James Wong, Chan Kam-hung, Ho Shum-ting.

Neither the apparent inability of the diplomats at the London Naval Conference—recently deserted by the Japanese—to come to any naval limitation agreement, or the unexplained general increase in European army, air forces, are admitted to be the cause for the "boost-the-air-defence" drive now in progress here. Merely the desire for an "adequate air force" is the official dictum on the question.

Factories Humming
Thus some 48 aeroplane factories, across the country, hum with activity. That hum becomes a mighty roar at army and navy air bases where zipping mosquito pursuit planes and giant "flying fortress" bombers carry out their precise manoeuvres.

As this increase continues the American public, gradually becoming air-minded through increased commercial air activity, suddenly has awakened to the steady push for an "unequaled air defence."

Wide Publicity
Indicative of the growing public interest in the militarisation of the air is the wide publicity recently received by the air manoeuvres at Miami, Fla. There to review the 89 fighting ships of the General Headquarters Air Force, Brig.-Gen. Frank M. Andrews gave the public an inkling as to official attitude when he said:

"These ships represent the modern fighting strength of the general headquarters fighting force. We have in the force some 350 fighting planes. About one-half are obsolete. Some 400 planes are on order."

Except in Emergency
"But it would be a mistake to attempt to build up the force to full strength too rapidly except in an emergency, as this might leave us with a large number of planes which would be out-dated. If it could be done in about three years, it would be very satisfactory."

ROTARY TIFFIN MEETING

Hon. G. H. Ferguson On World Matters

The Rt. Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, P.C., K.C., late Prime Minister of Canada, who is travelling round the world on the Empress of Britain, yesterday addressed the Rotary Club on "Some Aspects of World Matters."

Points from the statesman's speech were his confidence that public opinion would prevent war in Europe, the improved conditions he had noted in Great Britain during his stay there, the inexpressible demonstrations of loyalty to the constitution he had witnessed at the Jubilee, and Canada's own condition and prospects to-day.

Among the guests welcomed were Messrs. G. A. Saunders, Durban; M. F. Tiersman and D. A. Shirk, New Jersey; E. H. Munson, Fochow; H. G. Moore, Peoria, U.S.A.; D. B. Dearborn, New York; S. Baker, New York; V. Bowden, Australian Trade Commissioner; Col. Doughty, Canadian Immigration Officer; Messrs. F. E. Brown, Cleveland; H. Broasley, Manchester; H. Hunter, New York; C. M. Laird and Dr. L. F. A. Otto, Canton; T. J. O'Brien, Toronto; K. F. Noble,



Out of the political strife that followed the death of President Gomez, dictator of Venezuela, comes the news of the appointment of Dr. Esteban Gil Borges above, as Foreign Minister of the South American nation. Dr. Borges is well known in Washington because of his services as Assistant Director of the Pan American Union in the American capital.

NEW CONVOY SHIP FOR FRANCE

"La Lombardie" Enters Water At Nantes

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Paris, To-day. "La Lombardie," which is the first of a series of 12 convoy ships, which represent an entirely new type, has been launched at Nantes.

The 600-ton vessel, which has a length of 80 metres and is capable of attaining a speed of 34 knots, carries two guns, anti-aircraft and machine-guns, and torpedoes. — Trans-Ocean Service.

YAUMATI TENEMENT COLLAPSE

Inquest And Verdict

The enquiry into the deaths of the eight persons killed in the Yaumati house at Woosung Street on Friday 19 was concluded yesterday, the jury returning a verdict of accidental death, with no blame attached to anyone.

They added a rider to the effect that more care should be taken in the demolition of that type of building.

The jury comprised Messrs. O. B. Payne (Foreman), A. Krilovsky and Ip Fung-ling. Detective-Inspector A. H. Elston and Divisional-Inspector B. Shannon were present for the Police. Mr. D. L. Strellett watched the proceedings on behalf of the owner, Mr. Wong Tat-yuen.

CUSTOMERS ARE FEWER

Bespoke Tailor's Lament

A Wimbledon tailor, Wm. Henry Goodwin, told the local magistrates last month that business was so bad that he could not afford to pay his 30-year-old son more than 5s. a week and his keep. "Sometimes we go for a fortnight without anything to do," he added. "There is hardly one bespoke tailor left in Wimbledon."

The son, Frank Goodwin, of High-street, Merton, was put on probation for 12 months and ordered to pay 5s. damages on a charge of stealing a woman's handbag and contents, value 5s., at a dance at Wimbledon Town Hall.

The father said that he did not want his son in the business, but although he had answered thousands of advertisements he could not get another job.

A man serving a five months' sentence in Norwich Prison who escaped while gardening was recaptured within an hour.

Amusements

Cinema Notes

"AH WILDERNESS"—KING'S THEATRE

Outstanding in its dramatic intensity by virtue of its sheer simplicity, this great bit of the New York Theatre Guild is brought to the screen by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer with all its vital elements preserved and amplified by the wider scope of the screen, with its pleasant outdoor sequences filmed in the quaint town of Grafton.

The play is a triumph for Wallace Beery, who enacts the lovable, ineffectual Uncle Sid, usually a comedian, but in several places a poignant figure in his futile romance. Lionel Barrymore revels in the role of Nat Miller, played on the stage by George M. Cohan and the late Will Rogers. He brings to the screen a totally different characterisation, as forcible as his famous role in "A Free Soul."

The youthful romance is charmingly handled by Eric Linden, who gives an amazingly true performance as the high school lover, and Cecilia Parker, with her youthful, fresh charm.

One of the dominant figures in the cast is Aline MacMahon, as the pathetic Aunt Lily, with her hopeless middle-age romance. Spring Byington is perfectly cast as the mother of the family. Mickey Rooney adds comedy as the family's youngest, and Helen Flint contributes a striking characterisation as Bellen, the tough girl. Charles Grapewin, Frank Albertson, Edward Nugent and Bonita Granville also contribute outstanding performances.

"FOUR HOURS TO KILL"— QUEEN'S THEATRE

This Paramount production is the screen adaptation of the successful Broadway stage play "Small Miracle" by Norman Krassa, and features Richard Barthelmess, Joe Morrison, Helen Mack, Gertrude Michael, and Dorothy Tree in the cast.

The action of the story takes place entirely in the lounge of a Broadway theatre, and depicts the unusual drama that occurs in the lives of a group of people in the space of four hours.

The plot of the story concerns Barthelmess, a condemned murderer, who spends the last few hours outside of prison manacled to the wrist of his detective, watching a Broadway musical.

He effects his escape and changes the lives of the other characters in the theatre. His escape is not for freedom but for revenge, and how he achieves revenge is thought out in a cleverly conceived climax.

"THE NITWITS"—MAJESTIC THEATRE

Combining fast-stepping music and spine-tingling thrills with their own insane brand of hilarity, "The Nitwits" Bert Wheeler and Robert Woolsey's newest comedy hit, is different from anything they have done heretofore.

The elements of melodrama and musical comedy are so lavishly that each could be the basis of an individual production. In keeping with the atmosphere of Tin Pan Alley, that traditional birthplace of America's popular songs, "The Nitwits" introduces these new melodies: "You Opened My Eyes," "The Black Widow Will Get You If You Don't Watch Out" and "Music in My Heart."

"WHISPERING SMITH SPEAKS"— ALHAMBRA THEATRE

Instead of riding a loping horse over the plains, George O'Brien is riding the iron horse over the singing rails in his new adventure picture.

Swift-paced and filled with the zest for adventure that has made O'Brien a film favourite, "Whispering Smith Speaks" pictures the adventures of a rail-road magnate's son when he undertakes to become a rail man himself.

In the course of his adventures across a dilapidated old railroad which has a beautiful girl for a general manager. Fascinated by this unusual situation, O'Brien decides to stay, although he is only a lowly track-walker.

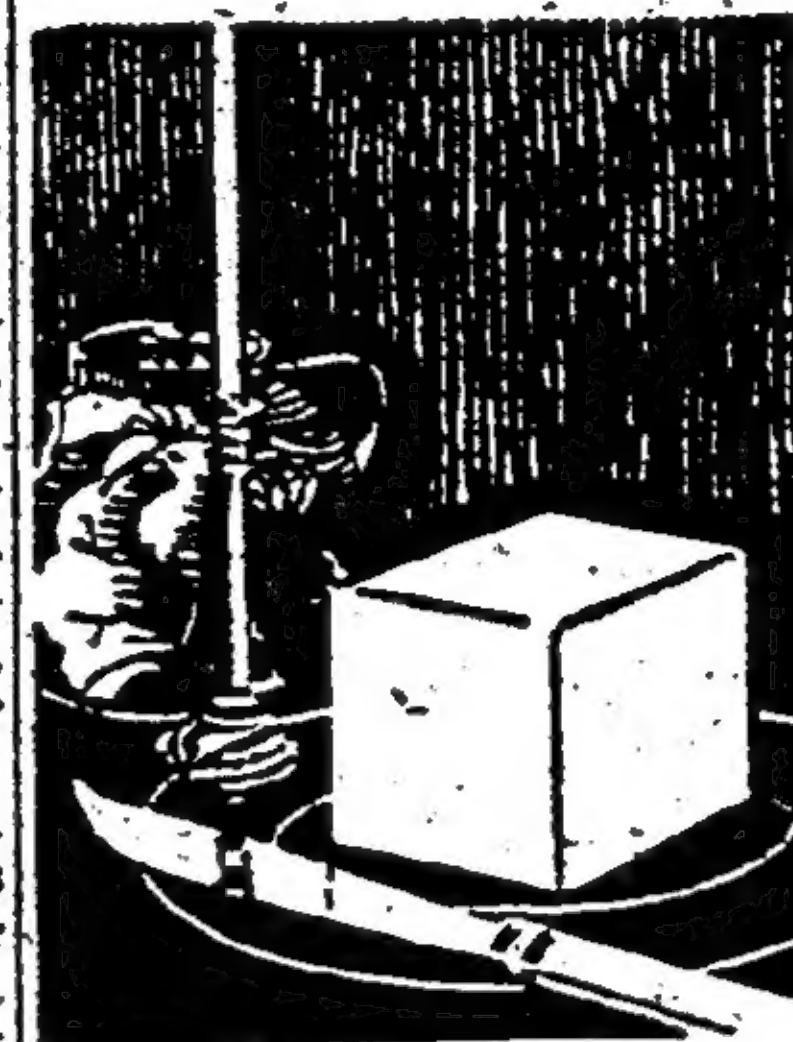
In time, however, O'Brien gets his chance to outsmart his father, Frank Sheridan. The old rail magnate is negotiating secretly

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TABLET TO BISHOP

BRITISH WHITE PAPER PROPOSALS

Defence Scheme Passed By Lords

London, To-day.

After three days' debate the House of Lords, by 109 votes to 8, yesterday approved the defence proposals.

Lord Hailsham, Lord Chancellor, winding up for the Government, referring to Lord Lothian's question as to whether Britain, under Locarno or the White Paper of March 20 entered into a military alliance with France and Belgium, said that the whole of the obligations which Britain had undertaken, as far as they existed at all, were contained in the White Paper. There was no secret understanding of any kind outside it.—Reuter.

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European peace. The German action in re-establishing full sovereignty over the Reich in its own territory could therefore not be separated from the German Government's proposals for ensuring the peace in Europe.

MAIN ESSENTIALS
In the second part emphasis is laid on the preliminary essentials the German Government considers necessary before an organisation of European peace can be attempted. Permanent agreements between the European nations with the object of effectually guaranteeing peace, it is stated, can only be concluded in an atmosphere of comprehension, acknowledgement and consideration for the naturally equal, vital and political rights of all the nations concerned.

It would be advantageous for the future development of Europe if it were understood on all sides that the judicial value of treaties and dictates are appraised very differently by the different nations. For the victor such a dictate would appear to contain a just claim, while the defeated would always regard it as an injustice and oppose it accordingly. Only treaties concluded by free nations of their own free will could be expected to receive the same lasting sacred respect from both partners.

PRELIMINARY CONDITION
Thus in re-establishing complete sovereignty over her own territory, Germany had created the preliminary condition for the conclusion of such a series of treaties.

For this purpose and under this condition, the German Government had formulated the proposals already made known, and still stood by them.

The third part of the note states that for the reasons already advanced, the proposals contained in the Four-Power Memorandum contain none of the conditions essential for a lasting peace. Were the German Government to accept these proposals, it would share the blame for an inevitable continued inward rejection of the humiliation imposed on the German nation under such conditions. This, however, the German Government could not do since the experience of history shows that it is impossible to establish a lasting peace under conditions that would be calculated to defame a nation's honour anew, or jeopardise the equality of rights.

The German Government is convinced that all attempts to improve the conditions among the nations by means of international economic conferences will be fruitless till the European peoples and their leaders have a feeling of unconditional and lasting security and peace.

The German Government makes no secret of the fact that it considers such a peace more valuable for the revival of prosperity of all the nations than the schemes to help by economic conferences.

NEW PROPOSALS
It was from this conviction that the German Government submitted the proposals for international discussion. Although it is compelled to reject all those proposals in the Memorandum, which affect the honour of the German nation and her equality of rights, it recognises its co-responsibility for the destiny of the European nations and considers it its duty to

follow the suggestion of the British Government and submit new proposals for the solution of this European problem.

The German Government will therefore on March 31, on the completion of the election, state its attitude and place positive proposals before His Majesty's Government.—Trans-Ocean Service.

FRANCE STANDS FIRM
Paris, earlier: Mr. Anthony Eden's statement on the Four Power Memorandum as proposals, and not as an irrevocable resolution which must either be accepted in its entirety, or rejected by Germany, caused much unpleasant surprise in Paris.

The French Government, so the Press declares, still holds the view expressed by M. Flandin before the Chamber on Friday last, namely that the Memorandum may not be altered and that all its parts must be definitely accepted by Germany—and is therefore determined not to discuss any counter proposals by Germany.

The announcement made by M. Flandin last Monday morning on Tuesday in order to visit his constituency for several days, is generally interpreted to mean that the Foreign Minister does not intend to return to London for the present.

FRENCH PRESS COMMENT
"The French Government will remain firm despite the fact that the British Government—under pressure of the British public opinion—is now trying to persuade France to make certain additional concessions," says *Le Jour*.

The *Petit Journal*, after criticising Mr. Anthony Eden's "retreat," points out that the British official "apparently is willing to discuss eventual German counter-proposals, which is due to his wish that a general European conference will be held."

The *Centre* comments on the fact that the third week in London is marked by a "Franco-British misunderstanding."

"The view appears to gain ground that action on the part of the League of Nations is not considered necessary for the time being, after the violation of the Locarno Pact has been stated by the Locarno Powers," the journal says, and expresses

the belief that the League of Nations quarters are determined not to interfere in the conflict between Germany and the Locarno Powers.—Trans-Ocean Service.

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ABYSSINIAN DISPUTE

More Consultations In London

NEGOTIATIONS OPENED AT ST. JAMES'S PALACE

London, To-day.

Senor de Madariaga, following Monday's decision of the League Committee of Thirteen, of which he is Chairman, to seek a settlement of the Italo-Abyssinian dispute within the framework and in the spirit of the League Covenant, opened negotiations with both parties at St. James's Palace yesterday morning, and it is expected that he will remain in London for a few days in order to pursue them.—British Wireless Service.

HARRAR FEARS
Addis Ababa: With all possible speed, measures to defend the Harrar and Djibouti railway against General Graziani's expected offensive are being taken by the Abyssinian Government.

All available troops and casualties are being rushed up to the field fortifications among the mountains on the Harrar plateau.

Dagabur and Jijiga are two of the most important towns in this line of defence, and the Abyssinians hope that their deep graded trench systems will prove impregnable to General Graziani's mechanised attacks.

Harrar was completely evacuated by the civil population last Monday, and, as it is the second largest town in Abyssinia, in addition to being only 40 miles from the west of Jijiga and not very distant from the Italian aerodromes at Geraha, it is not improbable that General Graziani's air attack will be directed upon this town.

Further particulars concerning the bombardment of Jijiga reveal that a surprise attack was made by 27 three-engined Caproni aeroplanes, which made a very wide circuit in order to approach from a quarter unprotected by anti-aircraft guns.

Ras Nasibu, who is still the unbeaten commander of the Abyssinian Army at Ogaden, by a curious coincidence, left Jijiga for the country in order to confer with his chief of staff and the Turkish general, Wahib Pasha, who was living there. No sooner had Ras Nasibu left his palace than the Italian bombs hit the building, reducing it to a heap of debris.—Trans-Ocean Service.

LOCAL NEWS BREVITIES

The R.M.S. Empress of Britain, carrying over 350 round-the-world tourists, completed her five days' stay in the Colony when she left at 6 a.m. to-day for Shanghai, Chinwangtao and Japan ports. Among those who embarked from the Colony were Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Shields and Mr. M. J. Breen, the Postmaster-General.

The R.M.S. Empress of Canada is due at Hong Kong from Shanghai on the morning of Friday next, and will sail for Manila the same afternoon.

The R.M.S. Empress of Russia, which left Vancouver on Saturday, is due here on the morning of April 9 and will leave for Manila the same evening.

The U.S.S. Minandao arrived in port yesterday.

Mr. Lawrence Joseph Francis Griffiths, government servant, late of No. 12, Tat Shing Street, Kowloon, who died on February 2, last, left local estate valued at \$25,700. Probate of the will has been granted to Dr. J. P. Fehilly.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. William O'Connor, clerk of Messrs. Hewart and Co., and residing at No. 10, Wing King Street, top floor, and Miss Marie Leonard, living at Tin Hau Temple Road, top floor.

The submarine *Regulus* had the misfortune to ram a junk during the combined manoeuvres on Sunday night, doing damage, which included loss of property, to an estimated amount of \$1,000.

After rescuing the crew the submarine towed the damaged vessel into Junk Bay.

A Dinner Dance will be held at Repulse Bay Hotel to-night, at 8.30 p.m.

It is announced that Gladys and Kussorow, the talented dancers who have been entertaining at the Hong Kong Hotel, have kindly consented to appear on the programme of the Hong Kong Benevolent Society's Cabaret Dinner Dance on Friday night.

The usual R.E.W.O.s and Senior N.C.O.s Mess whist drive and tombs will not be held on Friday next, as on this date the Mess is holding a dance at the Garrison Lecture Hall.—Admission by invitation only.



The Venerable Magdalen, Marchioness of Canossa, Foundress of the Canossian Institute in Hong Kong, the centenary of whose death is being commemorated to-day.

To-day's Short Story

SENSE OF HUMOUR

By Damon Runyon

ONE night I am standing in front of Mindy's restaurant on Broadway, thinking of practically nothing whatever, when all of a sudden I feel a very terrible pain in my left foot.

In fact, this pain is so very terrible that it causes me to leap up and down like a bull-frog, and to let out loud cries of agony, and to speak some very profane language, which is by no means my custom, although, of course, I recognise the pain as coming from a hot foot, because I often experienced this pain before.

Furthermore, as I know Joe the Joker must be in the neighbourhood, as Joe the Joker has the most wonderful sense of humour of anybody in this town, and is always around giving people the hot foot, and gives it to me more times than I can remember. In fact, I hear Joe the Joker invents

the hot foot, and it finally becomes a very popular idea all over the country.

The way you give a hot foot is to sneak up behind some guy who is standing around thinking of not much, and stick a paper match in his shoe between the sole and the upper along about where his little toe ought to be, and then light the match. By and by the guy will feel a terrible pain in his foot, and will start stamping around, and hollering, and carrying on generally, and it always a most comical sight and a wonderful laugh to one and all to see him suffer.

No one in the world can give a hot foot as good as Joe the Joker, because it takes a guy who can sneak up very quiet on the guy who is to get the hot foot, and Joe can sneak up so quiet many guys on Broadway are willing to lay out odds that he can give a mouse a hot foot if you can find a mouse that wears shoes.

Furthermore, Joe the Joker can take plenty of care of himself in case the guy who gets the hot foot feels like taking the matter up, which sometimes happens, especially with guys who get their shoes made to order at forty bob per copy, and who do not care to have holes burned in these shoes.

But Joe does not care what kind of shoes the guys are wearing when he feels like giving out hot foots, and, furthermore, he does not care who the guys are, although many citizens think he makes a mistake the time he gives a hot foot to Frankie Ferocious. In fact, many citizens are greatly horrified by this action, and go around saying no good will come of it.

This Frankie Ferocious comes from over in Brooklyn, where he is considered a rising citizen in many respects, and by no means a guy to give hot foots to, especially as Frankie Ferocious has no sense of humour whatever. In fact, he is always very solemn, and nobody ever sees him laugh, and he certainly does not laugh when Joe the Joker gives him a hot foot one day on Broadway when Frankie Ferocious is standing talking over a business matter with some guys from the Bronx. He only scowls at Joe and says something in Italian, and while I do not know what he says, not being able to understand Italian, it sounds so unpleasant that I guarantee I will leave town inside of the next two hours if he says it to me.

Of course Frankie Ferocious's name is not really Ferocious, but something in Italian like Ferocito, and I hear he originally comes from Sicily, although he lives in Brooklyn for quite some years, and from a modest beginning he builds himself up until he is a very large operator in merchandise of one kind and another, especially alcohol. He is a big guy of maybe thirty odd, and he has hair blacker than a yard up a chimney, and black eyes, and black eyebrows, and a slow way of looking at people.



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"INDECENT DEMANDS"

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Nobody seems to know a whole lot about Frankie Ferocious, because he never has much to say, and he takes his time saying it, but everybody gives him plenty of room when he comes around, as there are rumours that Frankie never likes to be crowded. As far as I'm personally concerned, I do not care for any part of Frankie Ferocious, because his slow way of looking at people always makes me nervous, and I am always sorry Joe the Joker gives him the hot foot, because I figure Frankie Ferocious is bound to consider it a most disrespectful action, and hold it against everybody that lives on the Island of Manhattan.

But Joe the Joker only laughs when anybody tells me he is out of line in giving Frankie the hot foot, and says it is not his fault if Frankie has no sense of humour. Furthermore, Joe says he will not only give Frankie another hot foot if he gets a chance, but that he will give hot foots to President Hoover, or Mussolini, if he catches them in the right spot, although Regret, the horse player, states that Joe can have 20 to 1 any time that he will not give Mussolini any hot foots and get away with it.

TO-MORROW'S STORY

To-morrow's story will be "Just One Of The Audience," by Keith West.

Anyway, just as I suspect there is Joe the Joker watching me when I feel the hot foot, and he is laughing heartily, and furthermore a large number of other citizens are also laughing heartily, because Joe the Joker never sees any fun in giving people the hot foot unless others are present to help him enjoy the joke, or maybe some other joke that Joe thinks up, and he is always thinking up something.

Well, naturally when I see who it is gives me the hot foot I join in the laughter, and go over and shake hands with Joe, and when I shake hands with him there is more laughter, because it seems Joe has a hunk of Limburger. Furthermore, it is some of Mindy's Limburger cheese, and everybody knows that Mindy's Limburger cheese is very squashy, and also very loud.

Of course, I laugh at this, too, although to tell the truth I will laugh much more heartily if Joe the Joker drops dead in front of me, because I do not like to be made the subject of laughter on Broadway. But my laugh is really quite hearty when Joe takes the rest of the cheese that is not on my fingers and smears it on the steering wheels of some automobiles parked in front of Mindy's, because I get to thinking of what the drivers will say when they start steering their cars.

Then I get to talking to Joe the Joker, and I ask him how things are up in Harlem, where Joe, and his younger brother, Freddy, and several other guys have a small organisation operating in beer, and Joe says things are as good as can be expected considering business conditions. Then I ask him how Rosa is getting along, this Rosa being Joe the Joker's ever-loving wife, and a personal friend of mine as I know her when she is Rosa Midnight, and is singing in the old Hot Box before Joe hauls off and marries her.

Well, at this question Joe the Joker starts laughing, and I see something appeals to his sense of humour, and finally he speaks as follows:

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The ss. Somall, which left Shanghai this morning, is due here on Friday.

COUNCIL MEETING

London: The Council met at 3.20 p.m. yesterday in a private session, Herr Dieckhoff representing Germany. The meeting began with a discussion of the draft resolution thanking the Locarno Powers for their efforts to maintain peace, reaffirming the sanctity of treaties and condemning their unilateral violation, and adjourning the meeting of the Council indefinitely.

The final resolution adopted by the League Council takes note of the Locarno proposals and considers that further Council action should remain in abeyance while the Locarno conversations are continuing. It invites the Locarno Governments to keep it advised of the progress and decides to meet again as soon as circumstances necessitate it.—Reuter.

SITUATION DOUBTFUL

London: Later: The document brought by Herr von Ribbentrop, consisting of six typewritten pages containing 1,500 words, is considered as of most indefinite character, as it does not indicate clearly whether Germany could accept anything asked of her in the White Paper and does not define what Germany considers incompatible with equality.

As the present document is only an interim statement it is expected that Herr Hitler's proposals, when they are made, will form a very considerable document. It is expected that Herr von Ribbentrop's document will be communicated immediately to the other Powers concerned, which will mean a pause of several days in the active negotiations.

It is possible that Herr von Ribbentrop may return to Berlin shortly, but he will return to London next week. He will see Mr. Eden this morning and Mr. Eden will also see M. Paul-Boncour before the latter leaves for Paris.—Reuter.

PRIVATE SESSION

London: The League Council held a private session yesterday afternoon, at which a resolution was adopted thanking the United Kingdom member for the communication of the four Powers' proposals, expressing the opinion that further action by the Council should be in suspense while the conversations are continued, and inviting the Locarno Powers to keep the Council advised of their progress. It was decided that the President should convene the Council at Geneva as soon as circumstances rendered further consideration of the question originally raised by the Belgian and French Governments desirable.

Germany was represented at the meeting by Dr. Dieckhoff of the German Foreign Office.—British Wireless Service.

KENT ARRIVES TO-DAY

H.M.S. Kent, flying the flag of Vice-Admiral Sir Charles Little, is expected to arrive in port this afternoon from Singapore. It will be remembered that the vessel left Hong Kong for Manila on February 4, and after visiting ports in the Dutch East Indies she proceeded to Singapore. From March 9 to 16 the flagship visited Batavia and then returned to Singapore, from where she is due this afternoon.

Young Artist Makes His Debut In Colony

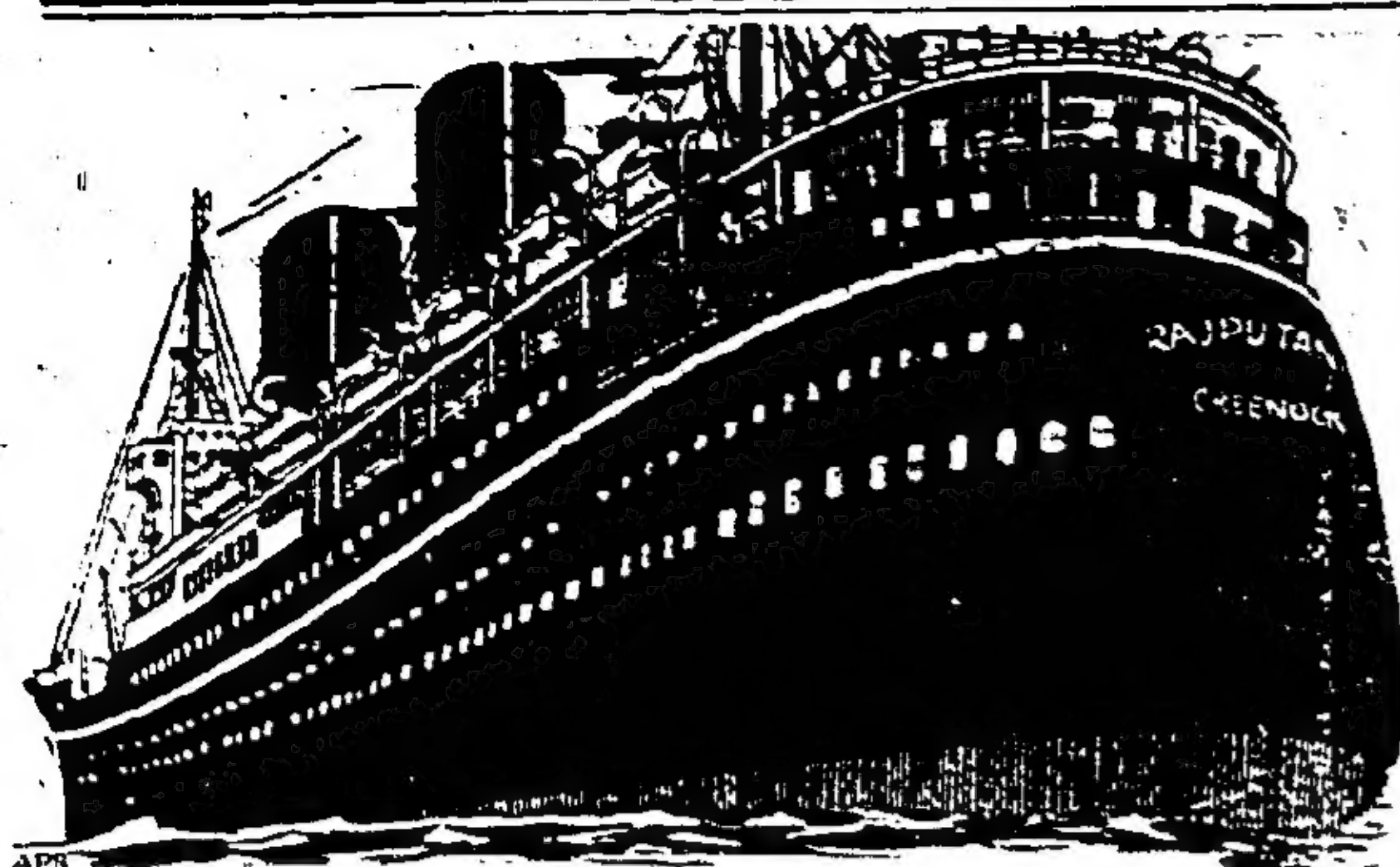
A young artist, Mr. Diosdado M. Lorenzo, who is a newcomer to the Colony, is holding his exhibition at the Gloucester Hotel under the auspices of the Working Artists' Guild. All Mr. Lorenzo's pictures are saturated with the atmosphere of his native country—the Philippines—and also of Italy, where he spent five years. Even the colourings of his portraits suggest sunshine. His stay in Italy certainly has provided him with the traditional picturesque and colourful motives of the country, but I doubt if he has otherwise benefited from the time he has spent there.

Young men are apt to be influenced by some great artist, and Mr. Lorenzo confesses to be a great admirer of Michael Angelo and Goya, but the influence of neither of the two is perceptible in his work. He rather suffers under the influence of a school

which had fallen into obscurity some time ago even in Italy; a school to which it is difficult to give any name, unless that of "sentimentalism," culminating mainly in clever technique developed to a high degree of mannerism.

But Mr. Lorenzo is a young man, not without talent, and let us hope that the isolation which is the lot of the artist in Hong Kong will help him to forget all the mannerisms he picked up in Italy. The double portrait in his collection entitled "East and West" gives me hopes. Although the young lady representing West would be better out of the picture, the rest has qualities and shows indications that he is at times able to get away from mannerism. The same applies to No. 3, "My Parents"; it is only a pity that there are parts where one would desire slightly better drawing.

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CHITRAL	15,000	30th May	Bombay, Marseilles & London
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*SOUDAN	7,000	20th June	Marseilles, Havre, London, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull
RAWALPINDI	17,000	27th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London
CORFU	14,500	11th July	Bombay, Marseilles & London
RANCHI	17,000	25th July	Bombay, Marseilles & London
NALDERA	16,000	8th Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles & London
KIDDERPORE	11,000	22nd Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles & London
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TILAWA	10,000	16th Apr.	Amoy, Shanghai & Japan
RAJPUTANA	17,000	16th Apr.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama
*BEHAR	6,000	25th Apr.	Amoy, Shanghai & Japan
SANTHA	8,000	30th Apr.	Shanghai & Japan
CHITRAL	15,000	30th Apr.	Shanghai & Japan
TANDA	7,000	10th May	Shanghai & Japan

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SENSE OF HUMOUR

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Well, a few days after these I see by the papers where a couple of Harlem guys that I know Joe the Joker is mobbed up with are found done up in sacks over in Brooklyn very dead, indeed, and the coppers say it is because they are trying to move in on certain business enterprises that belong to nobody but Frankie Ferocious. But, of course, the coppers do not say Frankie Ferocious puts these guys in the sacks, because in the first place Frankie will report them to headquarters if the coppers say such a thing about him and in the second place putting guys in sacks is strictly a St. Louis idea, and to have a guy put in a sack properly you have to send to St. Louis for experts in this matter, although I hear that some very good sackers are being developed in other cities.

Now putting a guy in a sack is not as easy as it sounds, and, in fact, it takes quite a lot of practice and experience. To put a guy in a sack properly, you first have to put him to sleep, because naturally no guy is going to walk into a sack wide awake unless he is a plumb sucker. Some people claim the best way to put a guy to sleep is to give him a sleeping powder of some kind in a drink, but the real experts just tap the guy on the noggin with some instrument such as a black-jack, which saves the expense of buying the drink.

Anyway, after the guy is asleep, you double him up like a pocket-knife, and tie a cord or a wire around his neck and under his knees. Then you put him in a gunny sack, and leave him some place, and by and by, when the guy wakes up and finds himself in the sack, naturally he wants to get out, and the first thing he does is to try to straighten out his knees. This pulls the cord around his neck so tight that after a while the guy is all out of breath.

So then, when somebody comes along and opens the sack, they find the guy dead, and nobody is responsible for this unfortunate situation, because after all the guy really commits suicide, because if he does not try to straighten out his knees he may live to a ripe old age, if he ever recovers from the tap on the noggin.

Well, a day or two later I see by the papers where three Brooklyn citizens are scragged as they are walking peaceably along Clinton Street, the scragging being done by some parties in an automobile who seem to have a machine gun, and the papers state that the citizens are friends of Frankie Ferocious, and that it is rumoured the parties with the machine gun are from Harlem.

I judge by this that there is some trouble in Brooklyn, especially as about a week after the citizens are scragged in Clinton Street another Harlem guy is found done up in a sack like a Virginia ham near Prospect Park, and now who is it but Joe the Joker's brother, Freddy, and I know Joe is going to be greatly displeased by this.

By and by it gets so nobody in Brooklyn will open as much as a sack of potatoes without first calling in the gendarmes, for fear a pair of No. 8 shoes will jump out at them, although everybody admits that the sack-making business is picking up wonderfully just at a time it needs help. But the citizens of Brooklyn are complaining about their borough being all cluttered up with guys in sacks, and the Health Department is thinking of taking steps in the matter.

Now one night I see Joe the Joker, and this time he is all alone, and I wish to say I am willing to leave him all alone, because something tells me he is hotter than a stove. But he grabs me as I am going past, so naturally I stop to talk to him, and the first thing I say is how sorry I am about his brother, Freddy.

"Well," Joe the Joker says, "Freddy was always a kind of a sap. Rosa calls him up and asks him to come over to Brooklyn to see her. She wishes to talk to Freddy about getting me to give her a divorce," she says, "so she can marry Frankie Ferocious, I suppose." "Anyway," he says, "Freddy tells Commodore Jake why he is going to see her. Freddy always likes Rosa, and thinks maybe he can patch it up between us. So," Joe says, "he winds up in a sack. They get him after he leaves her apartment. I do not know if she has any idea he will be sacked," Joe says, "but," he

says, "she is responsible. She is a bad luck doll," he says.

Then he starts to laugh, and at first I am greatly horrified thinking it is because something about Freddy being sacked strikes his sense of humour when he says to me like this:

"Say," he says, "I am going to play a wonderful joke on Frankie Ferocious."

"Well, Joe," I say, "you are not asking me for advice, but I am going to give you some free, gratis, and for nothing. Do not play any jokes on Frankie Ferocious, as I hear he has no more sense of humour than a nanny goat. I hear Frankie Ferocious will not laugh if you have Al Jolson, Eddie Cantor, Ed Wynn and the Marx Brothers telling him jokes all at once. 'In fact,' I say, 'I hear he is a dead tough audience.'"

"Oh," Joe the Joker says, "he must have some sense of humour somewhere to stand for Rosa. I hear he daffs about her. In fact," Joe says, "I understand she is the only person in the whole world who really likes, and trusts. But I must play a joke on him. I am going to have myself delivered to Frankie Ferocious in a sack."

Well, of course, I have to laugh at this myself and Joe the Joker laughs with me, and pretty soon citizens are stopping to watch us, and some of them laugh with us, although they do not know what we are laughing at, but probably figure one of us just tells the other a dirty story. Personally, I am laughing just at the idea of anybody having themselves delivered to Frankie Ferocious in a sack, and especially Joe the Joker, but of course I have no idea Joe really means what he says.

"Listen," Joe says finally. "A guy from St. Louis who is a friend of mine is doing most of the sack-making for Frankie Ferocious. His name is Ropes McGoniggle. In fact," Joe says, "he is a very dear old pal of mine, and he has a wonderful sense of humour like me. Ropes McGoniggle has nothing whatever to do with sacking Freddy," Joe says, "and in fact he is very indignant about it since he finds out Freddy is my brother so he is anxious to help me play a joke on Frankie."

"Only last night," Joe says, "Frankie Ferocious sends for Ropes and tells him he will appreciate it as a special favour if Ropes will bring me to him in a sack. I suppose," Joe says, "that Frankie Ferocious hears from Rosa what Freddy is bound to tell her about my ideas on divorce." Joe says, "especially where Rosa is concerned. I will see her in what's this before I ever do her and Frankie Ferocious such a favour as giving her a divorce."

"Anyway," Joe the Joker says, "Ropes tells me about Frankie Ferocious propositioning him, so I send Ropes back to Frankie Ferocious to tell him he knows I am to be in Brooklyn to-morrow night, and furthermore, Ropes tells Frankie that he will have me in a sack in no time. And so he will," Joe says.

"Well," I say, "personally I see no percentage in being delivered to Frankie Ferocious in a sack, because as near as I can make out from what I read in the papers, there is no future for a guy in a sack that goes to Frankie Ferocious. What I cannot figure out," I say, "is where the joke on Frankie comes in."

"Why," Joe the Joker says, "the joke is I will not be asleep in the sack, and my hands will not be tied, and in each of my hands I will have a John Roscoe, so when the sack is delivered to Frankie Ferocious and I pop out blasting away, can you not imagine the astonishment of Frankie?"

Well, I can imagine this all right. In fact, when I get to thinking of the look of surprise that is bound to come to Frankie Ferocious's face when Joe the Joker comes out of the sack I have to laugh, and Joe the Joker laughs right along with me. I can see that it is a wonderful joke, and I am wishing I have a sense of humour like Joe.

"Of course," Joe says, "Ropes McGoniggle will be there to start blasting with me in case Frankie Ferocious happens to have any company. Ropes McGoniggle is practically furious," he says, "not only because of Freddy, but because Frankie Ferocious wishes me sacked up, and Ropes is only too glad to help me out in every respect. I only wish," Joe says, "that Ropes is with us now, to help us laugh."

Then Joe the Joker goes on up

the street, leaving me still laughing from thinking of how amazed Frankie Ferocious will be when Joe bounces out of the sack and starts throwing slugs around and about. I do not hear of Joe from that time to this, but I hear the rest of the story from very reliable parties.

It seems that Ropes McGoniggle does not deliver the sack himself after all, but sends it by an expressman to Frankie Ferocious's house on Bedford Avenue. It is a nice three-story house, in a fine neighbourhood, although I hear the other neighbours never consider Frankie Ferocious any boost to property values in this section.

It seems that Frankie Ferocious receives many sacks such as this in his time, because it seems that it is a sort of passion with him to personally view the contents of the sacks and check up on them before they are distributed about the city, and, of course, Ropes McGoniggle knows about this passion from doing so much sacking for Frankie.

When the expressman takes the sack into Frankie's house, Frankie personally lugs it down into his basement, and there he puts with a big John Roscoe and fires six shots into the sack, because it seems Ropes McGoniggle tips him off to Joe the Joker's plan to pop out of the sack and start blasting. I hear Frankie Ferocious has a very strange expression on his pan and is laughing the only laugh anybody ever hears from him when the gendarmes break in and put the arm on him for murder, because it seems that when Ropes McGoniggle tells Frankie of Joe the Joker's plan, Frankie tells Ropes what he is going to do with his own hands before opening the sack. Naturally Ropes speaks to Joe the Joker of Frankie's idea about filling the sack full of slugs, and Joe's sense of humour comes right out again.

So, bound and gagged, but otherwise as right as rain in the sack that is delivered to Frankie Ferocious, is by no means Joe the Joker, but Rosa.

(The End)

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LULL BEFORE THE STORM?

Political Situation
In Canton

MR. HU'S RELATIONS WITH NANKING

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Canton, To-day.
Mr. Hu Han-min and his entourage are still at the hot spring resort in Chung Fa, about 30 miles north of Canton. The place is so congenial to Mr. Hu's health that he will remain there longer to talk high politics with Mr. Wei Tao-ming, representative of General Chiang Kai-shek.

There is no indication yet that Mr. Hu will soon go to Nanking, as General Chiang Kai-shek has to accept Mr. Hu's terms before he goes north. Mr. Chiang Tien-koo, representing Mr. Hu, will go to Fenghua to see General Chiang to-day. Mr. Liu Lu-yin, another representative of Mr. Hu, will soon go to the North to present Mr. Hu's views on the situation.

Mr. Hu's terms will be conveyed to Shanghai through Dr. Wang Chung-hui, who will meet General Chiang some time this week. The nature of the terms is not known. The political situation here is extremely quiet. Some observers here believe that this is the lull before a storm, while others insist that nothing will develop in the immediate future.

NO AGREEMENT YET REACHED

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ITALY'S ATTITUDE
Another grave difficulty presents itself by the attitude of Italy, it being stated in well-informed French quarters here that Signor Mussolini has informed the French Ambassador at Rome that he would not put his signature to the proposals of the Locarno Pact unless given a definite assurance as to the date when the sanctions against Italy will be lifted. The French Government is stated to have made desperate efforts to bring the Duce into line, the question being how the assurances demanded by Italy can be given without prejudicing the League's prestige. France, moreover, is stated to be in favour of having the League Council adjourned until after the French elections—presumably because the French Government intends to make the best possible use of the Four-Power Memorandum in the electoral campaign while the British Government insists on starting negotiations with Germany as soon as possible, it being assumed that the German reply will offer an acceptable basis for further discussions.—Trans-Ocean Service.

LONDON NAVAL PARLEY

Closing Scenes To Be Broadcast

London, To-day.
"Observer" will describe the scenes at the final plenary session of the London Naval Conference at St. James's Palace at 4.10 p.m. G.M.T., to-day. The speeches by Mr. Anthony Eden and Lord Monsell, First Lord of the Admiralty, will be heard. Recordings of the speeches by the Dominions delegates will later be broadcast in selected transmissions.—British Wireless Service.

WEATHER REPORT

The anti-cyclone over China continues to gain intensity, and is extending southward and eastward; pressure remains highest in the vicinity of Shanghai. The depression has moved into the Pacific to the south-east of Hokkaido. North-east winds, fresh; cloudy generally, was the forecast for to-day, as issued by the Royal Observatory this morning.

San Sun, a widow, of No. 231, Main Street, Shaukiwan, first floor, was this morning sentenced to one year's imprisonment by Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistracy for harbouring an unmarried girl, Ng So, aged 14, without the consent of the person having the lawful care and charge of her. Inspector Andrews prosecuted.

TO BE MARRIED TO-MORROW



Mr. George Duncan, the popular local sportsman, and Miss Bessie Gill, are to be married at St. John's Cathedral at 2.30 p.m. to-morrow when the Rev. H. W. Baines will officiate.



EINSTEIN MADE A MISTAKE

Admits Defects In His Theory

AT WORK ON ANOTHER

Professor Albert Einstein is at work on a new theory of matter which he expects will eliminate defects found in his field equation, the expression of the unifying principle that was expected to tie together in comparable form all physical phenomena, it was learned last month.

The criticism which caused Professor Einstein to discard parts of his theory as defective was published by Dr. Ludwik Silberstein of the University of Toronto in a recent issue of the *Physical Review*.

A copy of the criticism was submitted to Einstein before it was offered for publication and the objections were accepted by him as valid.

Early Results
The nature of the new Einstein theory of matter has not been revealed, but the Professor has informed fellow scientists that he finds the early results of his work at the Institute For Advanced Studies at Princeton, N.J., satisfactory.

Dr. Silberstein is an old friend of Einstein. He was born in Warsaw and studied with the great physicist, also on frequent occasions providing piano accompaniment when Einstein sought solace in his violin.

While the Toronto professor was obtaining an admission from his friend concerning defects in the Einstein theory of matter, Prof. Leigh Page, theoretical physicist at Yale, was engaged in a major attack upon the Einstein theory of Relativity.

Postulate Restricted

Also in the *Physical Review*, Prof. Page says:

"The author believes that Einstein's postulate is too restricted to include all possible motions of material particles. In this paper the author will present an alternative theory, and will give reasons for believing that it, rather than Einstein's theory, represents the proper formulation of relativity in an effectively empty world."

Using ordinary Euclidian geometry as taught in high school or college instead of the special non-Euclidian variety needed by the Einstein theory, Prof. Page undermines Einstein's relativity theory by proving the following result:

"It is shown," says Prof. Page, in summarizing his work, "that in an effectively empty world Einstein's assumption of an invariant physical interval and an absolute four-dimensional space-time, is in contradiction with the underlying principle of the relativity of motion, and therefore either the one or the other must be abandoned."

Theory Unsound
Which is saying in effect that either one or the other of the two basic "planks," on which the entire structure of Einstein's relativity theory is built, is fundamentally unsound.

Einstein and Page approach the abstract question of relativity poles apart. While the former seeks his data amid the stars, Page studies the nature and functions of the atom. In Einstein's world the units travel "slowly"; the earth circuits the sun in 365 days; Jupiter in 50 years.

In Page's world electrons whirl around the nucleus "proton" or "sun" at the rate of three million million times a second. The

DUCKS LOATH TO LEAVE

Spending Winter In Toronto

MIGRANTS INTERRUPT TRIP TO SOUTH

Toronto.—Lack of ambition to fly farther south was suggested by L. L. Snyder, ornithologist of the Royal Ontario Museum, as one reason why many wild ducks are again wintering along the water front in Toronto. Their summer home is on the edge of the Arctic Ocean, and in all probability Toronto's winter seems mild to them.

In the group are American Mergansers, Old Squaw ducks, black ducks and golden-eye ducks, and in the spring most of them will return to the North.

Fed Locally
Local bird-lovers are feeding the black ducks in an effort to keep them here the year round, and they have become "semi-domesticated," according to Mr. Snyder. The ducks are equipped by nature to withstand the cold. Mr. Snyder explained, as their feathers are tightly packed and oily, forming a waterproof coat, and under the skin is a layer of fat.

"QUEEN MARY" SAILS

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HUGE CROWDS PRESENT
London: The liner Queen Mary successfully completed the first stage of her journey down the Clyde early yesterday afternoon. She was anchored for the night off Greenock. When she proceeds this morning she will be put through her paces on reaching the open water off the Isle of Arran. She is due at Southampton on Friday afternoon.

Immense crowds which gathered to watch the manoeuvring of the ocean giant out of her fitting-out basin and down the river were favoured with perfect weather. It is reported that the keel touched ground twice for a few minutes, once fore and aft and the second time stern only, but it is authoritatively stated that no damage was done.—British Wireless Service.

15th CENTURY HOTEL

Old Gallery Damaged By Fire

Brentwood.
Part of the timbered gallery of the White Hart Hotel, Brentwood, which was built in 1440, was damaged by fire last month. Rooms in which furniture was stored were destroyed and the staff quarters were damaged. Brentwood fire brigade saved the main portion of the hotel.

A Drill and Gymnastic Display will be given by the pupils of the Central British School on Friday next at 5.15 p.m. Admission will be by programme, priced at 20 cents.

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